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Accused pimp preyed on at-risk girls, court hears

B.C. Supreme Court. Suspect lured teens as young as 14 with promises of a lavish life, Crown alleges

A glamorous lifestyle of drugs and booze, the chance to live in downtown Vancouver and the companionship of a pet dog were all promises used by a Vancouver man to lure 11 teenagers into prostitution, a B.C. Supreme Court trial heard Wednesday.

Crown lawyer Damienne Darby told the court that 29-year-old Reza Moazami allegedly preyed on girls as young as 14 years old, convincing them to have sex for money from February 2009 to October 2011.

"These were so-called at-risk girls and he recruited them for prostitution for his own financial benefit," Darby said in her opening statement.

Moazami is facing 36 counts, including human trafficking, living on the avails of a juvenile, sexual assault and sexual interference.

Darby also outlined the testimony that the court is expected to hear over the next few months from the 11 victims, who cannot be named under a publication ban.

Some of the girls made tens of thousands of dollars for Moazami, but while some were given part of their earnings, and could come and go as they please, others did not receive a penny and were not allowed to go anywhere without Moazami's permission, Darby alleged.

Some of the young girls even travelled from Vancouver to Calgary with Moazami during the Calgary Stampede, where a lot of money from prostitution was expected to be made, said Darby.

Moazami was arrested in October 2011 in a South Vancouver home, where the prostitution ring is alleged to have operated, and where two young women were also found and taken into care.

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"The evidence will show that each girl had their own particular vulnerabilities ... and he exploited these vulnerabilities for the purposes of profit."

Crown lawyer Damienne Darby
on defendant Reza Moazami

Reza Moazami is shown the prisoner's box in this court drawing. The Vancouver man is accused of luring 11 teenage girls into prostitution. FELICITY DON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Council apologizes for role in Japanese internment

Sins of the past. Mayor hopes to recognize lost culture of Japantown by renaming several streets

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Grace Eiko Thomson remembers saying goodbye to her friends at Strathcona Elementary before Mounties uprooted her family from their Japantown home and shipped them as "enemy aliens" to the Interior.

The year was 1942 and, with the unanimous support of Vancouver's city council, more than 25,000 people of Japanese descent were forcibly removed from the coast based on fears they'd be a "potential menace" by helping Japan during the Second World War.

Their belongings were confiscated, their neighbourhood in what is now the Downtown Eastside left abandoned.

"I swallowed my hurt and my pride and told myself this is how it is," her mother wrote in a diary from the barn near Winnipeg in which they were forced to live.

Seventy-one years later, the City of Vancouver has formally apologized for its racist motion supporting the federal government's relocation.

"It was wrong, and we are sorry," Mayor Gregor Robertson said to a crowd including Japanese-Canadian seniors.

Along with plaques recognizing the detention of Canadians in the barns at Hastings Park, Robertson hopes to rename streets in Japantown to acknowledge its history.

While Coun. Kerry Jang hopes the apology will help right past wrongs, he and other councillors noted that racism is alive and well. When Canada's former head spy Richard Fadden said certain councillors had "friendly relations" with China in 2010, Jang and other councillors of Chinese descent received mail demanding they declare allegiance to Canada.

Ken Noma, president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, congratulated council for remembering the injustices but urged council to condemn Quebec's proposed charter, which he cited as another example of racism.

Previous apologies

The federal government officially apologized and offered redress to Japanese Canadians in 1988. The province apologized in 2012.

Children look in the window of a Japanese store in Vancouver in December 1942, closed after the relocation of people of Japanese descent to the Interior. JACK LINDSAY/CITY OF VANCOUVER ARCHIVES/CVA 1184-1537

Building code gets accessibility, LGBTQ upgrades

For people who can't squeeze through narrow doorways in their wheelchairs or find themselves in a dilemma when deciding whether to use the men's or women's bathroom, Vancouver's new building code is a bit of a coup.

City council passed the new code unanimously on Wednesday to accolades from seniors, people with disabilities and the LGBTQ community.

The code requires new homes to meet accessibility standards including wider doorways, stairs and hallways, levered door handles, raised electrical outlets and either accessible showers or the ability to adapt showers.

It also sets an 18-month time frame to study the feasibility of requiring new homes to have at least one accessible entry.

"This is the most important thing you will do for equality for persons with disabilities," said Jill Weiss, chair of the persons-with-disabilities advisory committee.

She commended the bylaws that will help the growing senior population stay in their homes by making them accessible in the first place.

The new code is the first and only in Canada to recognize gender-neutral washrooms and sets privacy and security requirements for the single-stall bathrooms favoured by some in the LGBTQ community.

It also sets new fire-safety and green standards, including energy and water efficiency. New homes will be required to include electrical vehicle-charging outlets in their garages, too.

The new standards will reduce heating and hydro bills and make it easier to build separate bathrooms in SROs.

But it won't come cheap for builders.

It will cost thousands more to build single-family residences and laneway houses and hundreds more per unit for high- or mid-rise buildings. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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Ceremony to honour peacekeeper

Post-traumatic stress. Greg Matters was shot and killed by RCMP after 30-hour standoff in 2012

Greg Matters and Ryan Seguin met in battle school in 1995, both fresh-faced young soldiers keen to serve their country.

Together they learned the military trade, grew up, became best friends. Matters stood beside Seguin at his wedding as his best man, and he was the godfather of Seguin's children.

On Wednesday, Warrant Officer Seguin handed Memorial Cross medals to the mother and sister of his comrade-in-arms, who died in a confrontation with RCMP on his rural property near Prince George a year ago.

Matters was in treatment at the time for post-traumatic stress disorder, and his death focused attention on the struggles of current and former soldiers who have served in conflict zones overseas.

"We did everything together through our military career," Seguin said after the ceremony and after meeting his best friend's family for the first time.

Seguin said he believes Matters really began to struggle after a back injury he suffered in Bosnia prevented him from training to take part in Canada's combat mission in Afghanistan.

"I never realized it was post-traumatic stress," Seguin said.

"I think that's when he started having the symptoms but all I could figure at the time was that, I just thought he was embarrassed and ashamed that he wasn't able to do the training with us and go to Afghanistan with us."

Matters served in the Canadian Forces for 15 years, and Seguin said he was glad to finally meet his friend's family.

"I've told them some of our funny stories that we experienced together," he said.

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Greg Matters is shown in a photo provided by his family. CONTRIBUTED

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Investigation. Mounties run out of tips for Highway of Tears cases

The investigation into several cold-case murders of women along B.C.'s so-called Highway of Tears appears to have stalled, leading a spokeswoman for the family of one missing woman to speak out in frustration.

Mounties announced a year ago that Bobby Jack Fowler, who died in an Oregon jail in 2006, was responsible for one of the murders along the highway and a suspect in others.

DNA from Fowler was matched to the 1974 death of 16-year-old Colleen MacMillen of Lac La Hache, B.C., and he was suspected of killing Gale Weys and Pamela Darlington in 1973.

MacMillen was last seen on Aug. 9, 1974, when she left her home to hitchhike a ride to a friend's house. Her body was found a month later off a logging road 46 kilometres south.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Wayne Clary said police have now interviewed all of Fowler's relatives and ex-wives without further the case, and DNA or other forensic evidence likely won't be the key to solving the murders.

"We've gone and we've looked at all his prison records, his pre-sentence report concerning his convictions in the United States. In fact, that's how we gleaned the information that led us up to Prince George where he worked for a roofing company."

When police held their news conference a year ago, they described Fowler as a transient labourer who used drugs, was often violent against women and had a propensity to pick up female hitchhikers.

Clary said he believes someone has information, perhaps a person who Fowler may have spoken to about his crimes, yet hasn't come forward.

"You know, as people get older and they mature, their life predicament changes and perhaps they would now be in a position to talk with police."

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Eight months

Stanley Cup rioter sentenced

A 29-year-old Vancouver man has been sentenced to eight months in jail for his role in the 2011 Stanley Cup riot. Justice William Kitchen called Vasilios Makris's involvement in the riot "the most serious of any case heard so far."

He added that it was "difficult to imagine how any rioter could have been more involved."

Kitchen said Makris, who was charged with assault and taking part in a riot, was "cheerleading" others, taunted police, broke into a store and was involved in three vehicle fires. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Southeast Vancouver

Council approves new rental housing

Southeast Vancouver will get 60 new units of rental housing at prices the city considers affordable when compared to similar new apartments in Vancouver.

Two projects approved Tuesday night by city council, a six-storey mixed-use building at 3068 Kingsway and another at 5650 Victoria Drive, will each deliver 30 units renting in the range of $1,250 to $1,275 for a one-bedroom. The city says that is a far better deal than the $1,575 it costs to rent an average new one-bedroom. KATE WEBB/METRO

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Think global, watch local: It's this year's VIFF theme

Opening Thursday. Festival aims to be a launching pad for B.C. filmmakers

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Call it the Vancouver Local Film Festival?

A dash of home cooking is being added to this year's Vancouver International Film Festival (VIFF).

It's introducing, for the first time, a collection of films showcasing the best of British Columbia filmmakers.

A dozen B.C.-made films have been the subject of a social-media campaign since Sept. 12. Viewers have been able to learn about the films, watch trailers, promote their favourites and vote on awards meant to support local productions.

With the festival opening Thursday, executive director Jacqueline Dupuis hopes the series can become a launching pad for local artists looking for success on the big screen.

"With all the challenges that have faced the film and television industry locally, we felt it was important to showcase the talent and success of the local industry," said Dupius.

"I really do hope the Spotlight series can become a springboard for some of the newbies in the industry."

The dozen picks range from environmental documentaries (Twyla Roscovich's Salmon Confidential) to feature comedies (Matthew Kowalchuk's Lawrence & Holloman) and dramas (Gil Bellows and Tony Pantages' 3 Days In Havana) from first-time directors to industry veterans like Bruce Sweeney and Vic Sarin.

The festival will also award a $7,500 B.C. Emerging Filmmaker Award and a $10,000 development bursary.

A production still from Gil Bellows and Tony Pantages' 3 Days In Havana. It's one of 12 films in VIFF's new B.C. Spotlight series. CONTRIBUTED

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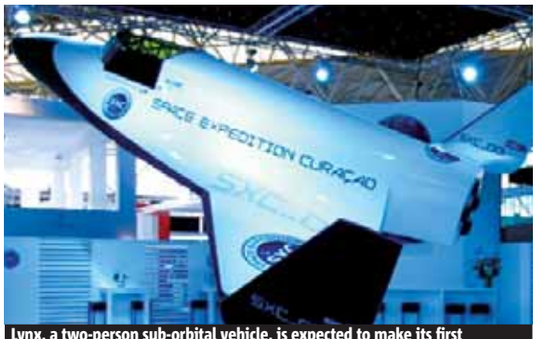

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After three Canadians from out east booked their $109,000 tickets to launch into space in 2014 with the Adventure Travel Company (ATC), the Toronto-based firm set its sights on the West.

It will be hosting an info session for prospective B.C. astronauts on Thursday night at the Vanlawn Tennis Club.

"It's really safe," said ATC general manager Kristina Boyce in a phone interview. "We don't want people to confuse it with 'scary budget.'

"But the gentleman we sold it to in Toronto, for example, Sergio (Pio), he's not a billionaire by any stretch of the imagination, nor is Milan (Karki)," a Mississauga man who also bought a ticket.

Find out more

The ATC info session is open to the public and runs from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the Vanlawn Tennis and Badminton Club, 1630 West 15th Ave.

"They're going on it because they really believe it's a really profound experience, and an incredible way to gain some perspective on the world, and they're just saving up for it."

ATC is the Canadian agent for the Amsterdam-based Space Expedition Corporation (SXE), which has "spaceports" in California's Mojave Desert and on the Caribbean island of Curacao.

The firm has developed a two-person sub-orbital vehicle called Lynx that is expected to take its first commercial flight next August.

Training will take two to three days and the space flight itself just an hour or two, offering four to five minutes of weightlessness.

KATE WEBB/METRO

Foreign worker fracas

Lekstrom takes job with controversial coal-mining firm

The mining firm once embroiled in a dispute over foreign workers has hired a former political heavyweight to help it build a coal mine in northern B.C.

Blair Lekstrom, the former energy and mines minister in the B.C. Liberal government, has been hired by HD Mining International Ltd.

HD Mining has been given approval to extract coal from its project near Tumbler Ridge.

The firm won a Federal Court battle over its plans to bring in more than 200 temporary workers from China. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Roommate died

95-year-old suspect charged in death of man, 85

A 95-year-old Vernon, B.C., man will have further assessments before a decision is made on whether he stands trial for second-degree murder.

John Furman, who is being held in a secure psychiatric facility, was charged after the Aug. 18 death of his roommate in an extended-care home.

RCMP believe 85-year-old William May was the victim of an assault.

Furman and May had been roommates for just a few days when May died.

Furman is due back in court on Nov. 27.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Unlocked homes

Abbotsford residents warned about break-ins

Police in Abbotsford are warning about four break-ins that occurred while residents were in their homes, most of which were unlocked.

In one incident just before midnight Tuesday, a homeowner returned to find two men inside while his wife was sleeping.

Police say the suspects in their 20s fled, and the resident discovered that his vehicle keys and a GPS device were missing.

In another incident, someone got in a home through a sliding door and stole a wallet and electronics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

THE SWEET SUCCESS OF WEIGHT LOSS

When it comes to weight control, experts are increasingly putting the spotlight on sugar.

"In fact, mounting evidence points to controlling blood sugar as the key to successful weight loss" says Brenda Watson, naturopathic doctor and best-selling author.

Your blood sugar level is the amount of glucose from the food you eat that is circulating in your bloodstream. It provides energy or is stored for future use. All carbohydrates you eat, with the exception of fibre, are broken down by the body into glucose.

The body only requires 10 teaspoons of sugar per day to perform all its functions, but the average Canadian daily consumption is 26 teaspoons. This is no surprise when you consider that a half-cup of vanilla ice cream contains five teaspoons of sugar while one cup of cooked pasta contains eight.

For weight loss, Watson recommends a daily sugar consumption limit of six to eight teaspoons from all foods. Your body will draw on fat stores for any extra energy it requires and that will lead to weight loss. There are lots of low sugar food options such as lean protein, healthy fats, and virtually all vegetables.

There are also scientifically-proven weight loss products that help balance blood sugar, Watson says. For example, green coffee bean extract gained notoriety when it was featured on Dr. Oz's TV show.

"While I don't believe you can buy weight loss in a bottle, there are certainly products that can help. Green coffee bean is one of them, but I am really excited about a new ingredient called Fraxipure, which is a natural extract from European ash seed. It decreases blood sugar levels, increases fat burning and protects the liver. I recommend Simply Trim because it is the only product to combine green coffee bean extract with this fat-blasting Fraxipure.

"The bottom line — if you balance your blood sugar you will lose weight. How sweet is that?"

HOW MUCH SUGAR IS IN YOUR DIET?

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Wayne Coyne from the Flaming Lips gets up close to the crowd while inside a see-through beach ball during the 2008 Pemberton Music Festival. The festival is coming back next year. SEAN MCMAHON/METRO FILE

Summer music fest returning to Pemberton

After six-year hiatus. Official announced the festival will finally return from July 18 to 20, 2014

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It's in the same beautiful setting, with difference producers and there's no lineup yet, but festival lovers, rejoice: The Pemberton Music Festival is coming back.

Logistical issues scuttled Live Nation's plan to repeat its epic one-time Pemberton Festival in 2008, which attracted 40,000 people with A-list acts such as Coldplay, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and Jay-Z.

On Wednesday New Orleans-based HUKA Entertainment CEO A.J. Niland announced the festival will finally return from July 18 to 20, 2014. Tickets will be available online as early as Friday morning at pembertonmusicfestival.com.

"We are making this announcement now so folks know it's coming back to save the date, and we are working really hard to try to announce (the lineup) as early as possible," he told Metro, adding he hopes to make the announcement early next year.

"I would say the lineup will be probably pretty indicative of what we've done in our other events, Hangout (Music Festival) being specific, and on calibre with what it was in '08."

HUKA's award-winning Hangout Music Festival in Alabama in May featured the Kings of Leon, Stevie Wonder, The Shins, Bassnectar, Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Macklemore & Ryan Lewis and many more.

The Pemberton Music Festival is expected to attract about the same size crowd as it did in 2008, and draw performers from a wide spectrum of genres, including rock, indie, hip-hop, and electronic dance music.

Niland said he has been working with Pemberton authorities to ensure the traffic snarls that put a damper on Pemberton in 2008 don't happen again. Organizers plan to smooth things out by limiting on-site camping to 25,000 people, offering more accommodations in Whistler, and booking some acts to play a few days before the festival begins so some people will come early and the ingress can be staggered.

"This site has the ability to be a world-class festival, and that's how we're positioning it," Niland said. "We want it to be considered one of the world greats and not just a North American great."

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Al-Shabab says foreigners were a 'legitimate target'

Kenya attack. Somali Islamic extremist group claims they took 'every possible precaution' to separate Muslims from non-believers

Al-Shabab, the armed Somali Islamic extremist group that attacked a shopping mall in Kenya, said Wednesday that foreigners were a "legitimate target" and confirmed witness accounts that gunmen tried to let Muslims go free while killing or taking the others captive.

In an email exchange Wednesday with The Associated Press, al-Shabab said: "The Mujahideen carried out a meticulous vetting process at the mall and have taken every possible precaution to separate the Muslims from the Kuffar (disbelievers) before carrying out their attack."

According to published accounts, witnesses have said the gunmen rounded up people, asked questions about Islam and told the Muslims to leave the mall.

At least 18 foreigners were killed, including six Britons and citizens from Canada, France, Trinidad, the Netherlands, Australia, Peru, India, Ghana, South Africa and China, when the militants entered the Westgate Mall on Saturday, slaughtering men, women and children with assault rifles and grenades and taking people hostage. The current death toll is 67 and is likely to climb with uncounted bodies remaining in the rubble of the Nairobi mall.

Mary Italo grieves for her son Thomas Abayo Italo, 33, who was killed in the Westgate Mall attack, as she waits to receive his body at the mortuary in Nairobi, Kenya, Wednesday. Thomas was an accountant and the breadwinner of the family who helped look after Mary, who is sick, according to relatives. Kenyan authorities prepared for the gruesome task of recovering dozens more victims than initially feared after the country's president declared an end Tuesday to the four-day siege of the Nairobi mall by al-Qaida-linked terrorists. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Despite their efforts to spare Muslims, some of those killed were members of the faith. One man, Louis Bawa, whose wife Zahira and daughter Jennah were killed, told a London newspaper that al-Shabab was "using religion as an excuse to kill people." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pakistan. Quake survivors struggle for food, shelter

Villagers sit under a tree near the rubble of destroyed homes following an earthquake in the remote district of Awaran, Pakistan, Wednesday.
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Survivors built shelters with sticks and sheets Wednesday, a day after their mud houses were flattened in an earthquake that killed 285 people in southwestern Pakistan.

While waiting for help to reach remote villages, hungry people dug through the rubble to find food. And the country's poorest province struggled with a dearth of medical supplies, hospitals and other aid.

The quake flattened wide swaths of Awaran district, where it was centred, leaving much of the population homeless. Almost all of the 300 mud-brick homes in the village of Dalbadi were destroyed.

Noor Ahmad said he was working when the quake struck and rushed home to find his house levelled and his wife and son dead.

"I'm broken," he said. "I have lost my family."

At least 373 people were also injured, according to a statement from the National Disaster Management Authority, which gave the latest death toll.

Doctors in the village treated some of the injured, but due to a scarcity of medicine and staff, they were mostly seen comforting residents.

The remoteness of the area and the lack of infrastructure hampered relief efforts. Awaran district is one of the poorest in the country's most impoverished province.

Just getting to victims was challenging in a region with almost no roads where many people use four-wheel-drive vehicles and camels to traverse the rough terrain.

"We need more tents, more medicine and more food," said a spokesman for the provincial government, Jan Mohammad Bulaidi.
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Created by catastrophe

Alongside the carnage of Pakistan's earthquake came a new creation: a small island of mud, stone and bubbling gas pushed forth from the seabed.

- Experts say the island was formed by the massive movement of the earth during the 7.7-magnitude quake that hit Pakistan's Baluchistan province.

Asiana Flight 214

U.S. investigating whether airline failed to help families after crash

In the first investigation of its kind, federal transportation officials are reviewing whether Asiana Airlines failed to meet legal obligations to help families of passengers after one of its planes crashed in San Francisco International Airport.

Three died and dozens were injured when Asiana Flight 214 crashed on July 6. Under U.S. law, Asiana was required to provide services to family members of the passengers, from the posting of a toll-free information number, to providing transportation and lodging.
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Spain

Judge names 22 rail company officials as suspects in crash

The judge investigating a high-speed train crash that killed 79 people in Spain has named 22 rail infrastructure company officials as suspects.

A court statement said Judge Luis Alaez has asked the Adif officials, including the company's three most recent presidents, to come in for questioning as suspects.

The officials also include board members and senior managers in charge of safety on the stretch near Santiago de Compostela where the crash occurred.
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China

Man gets death for killing child in parking dispute

A Beijing court on Wednesday convicted a man of murder and sentenced him to death for hurling a toddler to the ground in a case that horrified the Chinese public.

The two-year-old girl died in a hospital days after the incident. Her attacker, Han Lei, was caught the following day. The court said Han, 39, was looking for a parking space when he told the mother that her carriage was in his way. It said Han grabbed the girl from her carriage and raised her above his head before throwing her to the ground. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Syria bombshell. Rebels split, call for Islamic law

Nearly a dozen of Syria's powerful rebel factions turned their backs on the West on Wednesday.

They broke with the main opposition group in exile and called for Islamic law in wartorn Syria.

The split deals a severe blow to the Western-backed coalition fighting President Bashar Assad and gives him fuel for his long-stated contention that his regime is battling Islamic extremists.

It's a momentous public rejection of the Turkey-based Syrian National Coalition — the political arm of the Free Syrian Army rebel group — that has long been accused of being a puppet of the West.

A Free Syrian Army fighter holds his son in the Syrian central province of Hama on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"If the groups involved stand by this statement, I think this could be a very big deal," said political analyst Aron Lund.

"It basically means that some of the biggest mainstream Islamist forces within the so-called FSA are breaking up with the political leadership appointed for them by the West and Gulf states, to cast their lot with more hard-line and anti-Western Islamists."

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Toronto link

Ali Mohamed Dirie, a member of the "Toronto 18" terror plot to attack Canadian institutions, has died fighting in Syria, Torstar News Service has confirmed. He was released from prison in 2011.

Water everywhere … except at home

Dry humour? It's the rainy season and there's flooding in Dakar, Senegal … but there's no water running from the taps

Would you believe it?

It's the rainy season in Senegal and the capital city, Dakar, is dealing with major flooding.

But…

For nearly two weeks, Dakar residents have bathed in the ocean, dug makeshift wells along the beach and waited in long lines for distribution trucks.

Water is no longer running from the taps.

Officials blame it all on faulty equipment.

The situation is so bad that President Macky Sall decided Wednesday to cut short his visit to the United Nations General Assembly to return and address the problem.

As they waited on Yoff Beach for young men to fill plastic basins with water from wells dug in the sand, residents said Sall had better act fast.

The volunteer operators of the wells, made of stones and spare tires, said they were pumping out water for thousands of Dakar residents from 5 a.m. to midnight every day.

"Every day on the radio they say the water will be coming back soon, but the problem still isn't fixed," said 36-year-old Samb Gueye, who brought 10 basins to the beach so her family would be able to cook, clean and bathe.

"I don't know what we'll do if this continues."

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Thirsty work: Residents carry home basins of water collected from beach wells in Dakar, Senegal, on Wednesday. REBECCA BLACKWELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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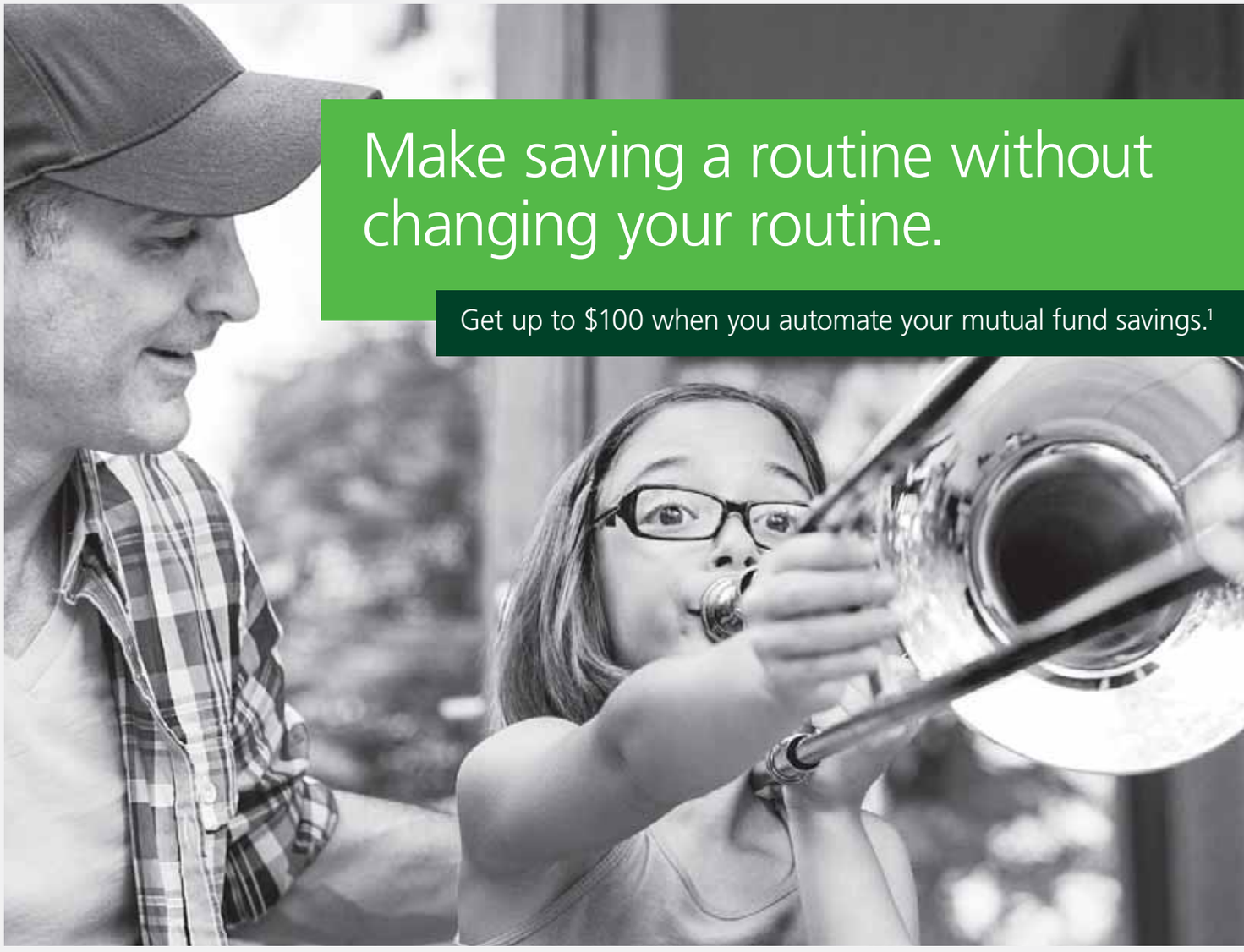

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D.C. shooter: Radio waves drove me to it

Washington.
Navy Yard gunman's weapon inscribed with phrases like 'End to the Torment!' and 'Better off this way'

Navy Yard gunman Aaron Alexis left a note saying he was driven to kill by months of bombardment with extremely low-frequency radio waves, the FBI said Wednesday in a disclosure that explains the phrase he etched on his shotgun: "My ELF Weapon!"

Alexis did not target particular individuals during the Sept. 16 attack in which he killed 12 people, and there is no indication the shooting stemmed from any workplace dispute, said Valerie Parlave, head of the FBI's Washington field office.

Authorities said his behaviour in the weeks before the shooting and records later recovered from the hotel room where he was staying reveal a man increasingly in the throes of paranoia and delusions.

"Ultra-low frequency attack is what I've been subject to for the last three months, and to be perfectly honest that is what has driven me to this," read an electronic document agents recovered after the shooting.

A closeup image of Aaron Alexis's Remington 870 shotgun. Scratched on it is "Not What yall Say!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alexis, a 34-year-old former navy reservist and computer technician for a defence contractor, used a valid badge to get into the Navy Yard with a sawed-off Remington shotgun he had legally purchased two days earlier.

He was killed by a U.S. Park Police officer following a rampage the FBI said lasted about an hour.

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FBI Washington

"We have not determined there to be any previous relationship between Alexis and any of the victims."

Valerie Parlave, head of the FBI's Washington field office

Orlando, Fla. Gun group plans shotgun giveaway as crime-fighting tactic

A gun group is offering free shotguns to residents in Florida, billing it as a way for people to protect themselves against crime.

Members of the Florida chapter of the Armed Citizen Project, which is based in Texas, began advertising the program on fliers in the Sunshine Gardens neighbourhood near Orlando. The neighbourhood is about 40 kilometres south of Sanford, a city thrust into an international debate about self-defence and race after neighbourhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman killed Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old.

Zimmerman says he shot the teen in self-defence and was cleared of all charges in Martin's death.

Ron Ritter, president of the Armed Citizen Project of Florida, said Wednesday that new owners of the donated guns will have to pass a background check and complete gun-safety training.

"It's not one of those things when we hand a gun to someone and don't hear from them again," Ritter said. "We're going to keep in touch if someone is receiving a donation." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington. Kerry signs treaty that regulates global arms trade

The United States, the world's largest arms dealer, has joined 106 other nations in signing a treaty that regulates global arms trading, but there is strong resistance in the Senate, which must ratify it.

Secretary of State John Kerry, who signed the Arms Trade Treaty on Wednesday, said it was a "significant step" in keeping the world safe and preventing terrorists and others from obtaining conventional weapons.

The Obama administration's move is seen as critical to the treaty's success. The U.S. was the 91st country to sign, but the treaty will not take effect until 50 nations have ratified it. Only six had ratified the treaty as of Wednesday.

Many of the world's other top arms exporters have yet to sign and opposition in the Senate, backed by the powerful National Rifle Association, means U.S. ratification will be difficult. A two-thirds majority in the 100-member Senate, where Democrats now hold a slight edge, is needed to ratify a treaty.

"This is about reducing the risks of international transfers of conventional arms that will be used to carry out the world's worst crimes," Kerry said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ex-soldier faces U.S. trial

A former Guatemalan soldier told a jury Wednesday that he was sobbing as he took a three-year-old boy to be killed, but an officer said he was doing "a job for a man."

Three decades later, that officer, Jorge Sosa, is battling to remain a U.S. citizen.

Sosa, a small, mustachioed man, listened calmly and took notes as an interpreter relayed details of the 1982 slaughter in the hamlet of Dos Erres.

Sosa, who was a second lieutenant during Guatemala's civil war, is charged with lying on his U.S. citizenship application about his military service and his command role in the massacre of at least 160 men, women and children in the village.

Civil war

200,000

The number of people killed during Guatemala's 36-year-old civil war, mostly by state forces and paramilitary groups.

If convicted, he could face up to 15 years in prison and lose his citizenship.

While Sosa is not on trial for war crimes, the government's case is bringing memories of Guatemala's bloody 36-year-old civil war to centre stage in a California courtroom. About 200,000 people were killed during the war, mostly by state forces and paramilitary groups.

Prosecutors say Sosa's patrol descended upon Dos Erres in December 1982 to search for missing rifles believed stolen by guerrillas, then decided to kill the villagers after some of the soldiers began raping the women.

Gilberto Jordan, a former sergeant, testified that the soldiers began throwing people into a well and that Sosa fired his rifle at the people inside and threw in a grenade.

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Jorge Sosa
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Alaska

Apple Maps app directs drivers to runway at airport

A glitch in the Apple Maps app on newer iPhones and iPads guides people up to a runway at a major Alaska airport instead of sending them on the proper route to the terminal, an airport official said Wednesday.

The map actually stops at the tarmac, but twice this month, wayward drivers have continued across an active runway.

There were no injuries in either incident because they both happened early in the morning, between flights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los Angeles

California minimum wages to take a hike

Calling it a "matter of justice," Gov. Jerry Brown put his signature on a bill Wednesday that will hike California's minimum wage to $10 an hour within three years.

The increase is the first to the state's minimum wage in six years and comes amid a national debate over whether it's fair to pay fast-food workers, retail clerks and others wages so low that they often have to work second or third jobs. Brown called the bill long overdue.

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Mall security under scrutiny after attack

Retail. Industry worries that increasing measures to keep shoppers safe will just scare them away

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"No one wants, when you go shopping, to be strip-searched, to be interviewed in a room by a security guard."
Simon Bennett, director of the Civil Safety and Security Unit at the University of Leicester in England

The International Council of Shopping Centers says malls around the world are beefing up private-security personnel or bringing in more off-duty police officers after last weekend's attack on an upscale mall in Nairobi. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Some malls around the world have been scrambling to add security guards to look for suspicious people following a deadly attack on a shopping centre in Nairobi over the weekend. But for other malls, it's been business as usual.

The mixed reactions by malls across the globe isn't unusual in an industry whose security efforts vary from unarmed guards in most shopping centres in the U.S. to metal detectors and bag searches in places like Israel to main entrances that resemble airport security lines in India.

The disparity offers a glimpse at why any moves following the Nairobi incident to increase mall security in countries that have less strict procedures aren't likely to last: The industry continues to struggle with how to keep shoppers safe without scaring them away.

"No one wants, when you go shopping, to be strip-searched, to be interviewed in a room by a security guard," said Simon Bennett, director of the Civil Safety and Security Unit at the University of Leicester in England. "That might be acceptable in aviation, but it is not in commercial retail."

Security concerns come after al-Shabab militants, wielding grenades, took control of Westgate mall in Nairobi, Kenya.

The International Council of Shopping Centers, a trade group of shopping centres representing about one-third of retail space globally, said some malls in the U.S. and South Africa are beefing up private-security personnel, while others are bringing in more off-duty police officers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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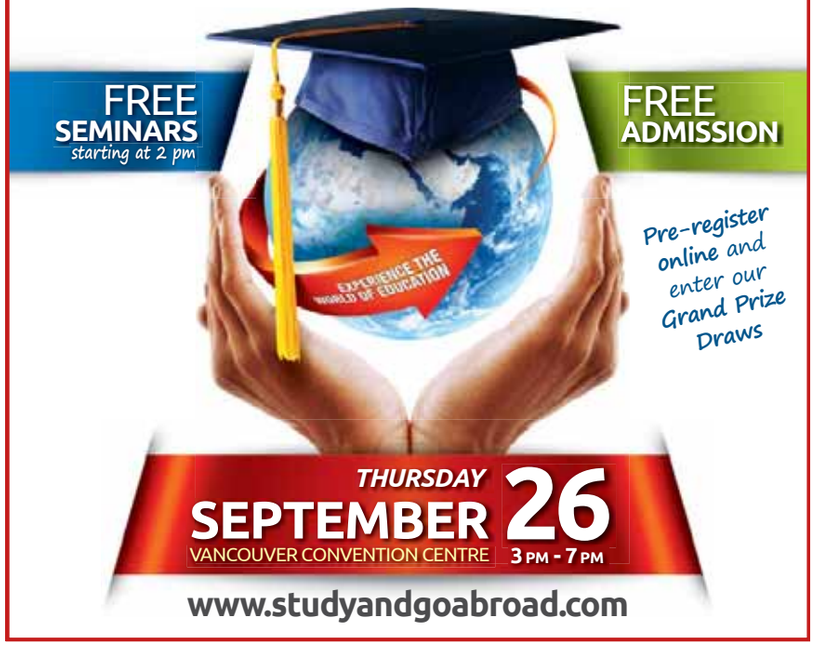
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Are you infatuated? Obsessed over another? Stuck on that powerful drug that is both more and less than love? If you're not sure, check for these key signs:

• Your special someone jumps to mind during songs on the radio, including jingles for toilet cleaner. ("He makes me flushed too!")

• Something as simple as a Coke bottle reminds you of her. (Or a Coke can; we're body-positive here.)

• They're the last thing you see when you fall asleep and the first thing you see when you wake up, because you're camped outside their window.

One item on this list might be OK, even healthy, but if you do all three then you're probably infatuated.

I'm a longtime expert. Even in Grade 3, I would tell my camp counsellor that I had a crush on her, then coyly explain that I only meant Orange Crush, while making moon eyes at her. (Keeping with the pop theme, I turned a shade of cream soda.)

But now, 200 years later, I've realized that infatuation is for kids. It's fun, but so is running around with my arms out making airplane noises. Just because I used to do it doesn't mean I still can, no matter how fun it was.

I had a date last week that went pretty well, but then I got an endorphin rush going, propping me up, up, up ... and had to stop myself on the way to Cloud 9 before I spiralled right out of control. It was a close call, but my survival means I can share these tips:

What's love got to do, got to do with it?: Dealing with infatuation

• Determine whether it's love, infatuation or lust. If it's love, you'll be in love. If it's infatuation, you'll Google advice on whether it's infatuation or love. If you can't tell if you have lust, I can't help you. See a doctor.

• Don't try to "accidentally" meet them. Though meet-cutes are a Hollywood staple, in real life, showing up unannounced at a construction site, airplane cockpit or reactor core is often more trouble than it's worth. If you must, send a Facebook wall message and ask if they're aware of any federal laws and statutes surrounding trespassing at their workplace. Finish with a winky face!

• Remember a good relationship is a partnership. E.g. If you know the names of the children you're going to have with your new acquaintance/future spouse, then write a list and allow them to choose from several of your ideas. Watch their eyes widen as they come to appreciate what they've found in you.

• Bonus tip for infatuees: Occasionally somebody will be infatuated with you! If that happens, the other person may be very vulnerable and easy to manipulate. That's when you pounce — for a better world. Bite your bottom lip and whisper, "What I'd love is a man/woman who will lobby city hall for a curbside recycling program," or "It'd be so hot to see you and all your friends donate blood."

And those are my tips, gentle readers. I hope you found them helpful. If you need anything else from me, remember I'll be right here — on Cloud 5.

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The veiled, unveiled in photos

LYNSEY ADDARIO/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

125 years marked with iconic images from mag's archives

National Geographic is celebrating its 125th anniversary with a special photography edition that features the most iconic images from the magazine's history. Pictured is a scene from Afghanistan in 2010: Pregnant Noor Nisa, 18, and her mother wait to be driven to hospital, where Noor would give birth to a baby girl.

The issue features National Geographic's most famous photo — the piercing green eyes of Sharbat Gula, a 13-year-old Afghan girl in Pakistan's Nasir Bagh refugee camp, pictured on the right — which appeared on the magazine's June 1985 cover.

The girl's identity was unknown for 17 years until she was tracked down in 2002. The image was originally placed in the reject pile before being rescued.

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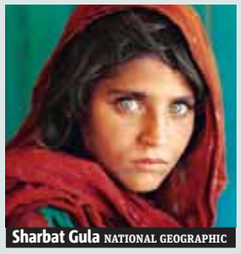

Sharbat Gula NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

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I know how it is. You got home last week with your shiny new copy of GTA V, only to power through it at a tragically swift clip — unable to keep your enthusiasm in check. Well, luckily, a lack of gaming self-control is one of the many things your smartphone can paper over for you.

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Puzzle & Dragons:

The kids in Japan are losing their minds over this fantasy puzzler, and for good reason. The mechanics are much deeper than anything most match-three games have ever dreamed up and you get to collect monsters. Sold! Well, not sold, actually. It's free. (iOS, Android/Free)

Heroes of Loot:

An old-school roguelike dungeon crawler that sends you into the depths to wipe out an unending onslaught of monsters. Like most roguelikes, there's no real endgame to conquer except securing some real estate near the top of global leaderboards. (iOS, Android/$1.99)

Slender Rising:

The spooky Slender Man series is the star of countless Watch My Roommate Get Scared YouTube videos, but if you've never tried one of the games, this is the best place to start. Work your way through creepy forests and playgrounds, piecing together the story behind the titular character. Of course, you're being stalked by him the entire time and if he snares you, you're going to lose. (iOS/$2.99)

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@metropicks asked: One four-legged friend helped his owner curb a crack habit. How does your pet help you improve?

@Cazzy: Teaches me how to clean up for when I have kids.

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@Canucklehead_ca: My cat. She teaches me humility and how utterly insignificant I truly am.

@adrienne_kenny: My puppy has taught me to smile and appreciate the little things in life.

@gixxerrider105: after a bad break up my dog forced me to stay motivated. I was really depressed and he kept me going.

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The dangers of having a writer in the rich, powerful political family

Other Desert Cities. The return of the well-crafted play gives actors room to interpret their characters

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Other Desert Cities, by American writer Jon Robin Baitz, plays the Arts Club until Oct. 20. COURTESY ARTS CLUB

Deserts have secrets buried beneath them, and the one surrounding Palm Springs is no different.

Unfortunately for the rich, famous and political Wyeth clan, the secrets are being dredged up by one of their own in a tell-all memoir that threatens to destroy the powerful family.

That's the premise of Other Desert Cities — penned by acclaimed American writer Jon Robin Baitz — which plays at the Arts Club until Oct. 20.

"In the last several years we've seen a return to the 'well-made play' in the U.S., plays whose structure draws on the strength of playwrights like Arthur Miller and Tennessee Williams," says ODC's director, Rachel Ditor.

"It's given us entertaining stories with an impossible ethical dilemma at the centre in more recent plays like Doubt, Rabbit Hole, August: Osage County, and last season's Clybourne Park.

"What's delicious about these well-crafted scripts is the room they make for great actors to interpret, to charm an audience, and then suddenly force us to challenge our assumptions about them and, ultimately, about ourselves."

The play stars Benjamin Elliott, Anna Galvin, Allan Gray, Gabrielle Rose and Gwynyth Walsh. Tickets are $26 to $65. At the Stanley Industrial Stage on Granville Street. More info at artsclub.com.

Saddle up for Cavalia's Odysseo

OK, so you haven't yet purchased tickets to Cavalia's Odysseo.

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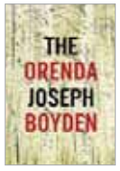
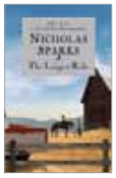


1. THE ORENDA Joseph Boyden

Giller Prize winner Joseph Boyden returns with a visceral portrait of life at a crossroads in his masterpiece of Canadian historical fiction, *The Orenda*.

Last Week: 4 / Weeks on List: 3



2. THE LONGEST RIDE Nicholas Sparks

Ira and Ruth. Sophia and Luke. Two couples who have little in common, and who are separated by years and experience. Yet, their lives converge with unexpected poignancy in Nicholas Sparks's new novel, *The Longest Ride*.

Last Week: 16 / Weeks on List: 2

This Week		Last Week	Weeks on List
3.	MADDADDAM Margaret Atwood	3	5
4.	THE SILENT WIFE A.S.A. Harrison	1	5
5.	A HOUSE IN THE SKY Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett	2	4
6.	NEVER GO BACK Lee Child	5	4
7.	STEVE JOBS Walter Isaacson	11	3
8.	THANKLESS IN DEATH J.D. Robb	20	2
9.	W IS FOR WASTED Sue Grafton	5	2
10.	INFERNO Dan Brown	20	5
11.	THE CASUAL VACANCY J.K. Rowling	10	3
12.	WINTER OF THE WORLD Ken Follett	8	5
13.	GRAIN BRAIN David Perlmutter	15	2
14.	STILL FOOLIN' EM Billy Crystal	14	3
15.	TIME NOW FOR THE VINYL CAFE STORY EXCHANGE Stuart McLean	18	2
16.	THE END OF GROWTH Jeff Rubin	13	4
17.	THE WITNESS WORE RED Rebecca Musser	17	3
18.	LOOPTAIL Bruce Poon Tip	19	2
★ 19.	KILLING JESUS Bill O'Reilly	-	1
★ 20.	DR. SLEEP Stephen King	-	1

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The psychedelic rockers want you to see them as they are

Interview. Their self-titled third album is a statement of self identity: they're undefined and intangible

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

MGMT: forever being misunderstood. CONTRIBUTED

MGMT's Andrew VanWyngarden and Ben Goldwasser never wanted to be famous. But quirky poppy zingers like Kids, Electric Feel and Time To Pretend from their debut 2007 album Oracular Spectacular made them household names, especially after being featured in movies such as 21, TV shows like The Voice and a Nokia ad. It was like their psychedelic private art house jamming session had been crashed by an accidental open Facebook invitation.

Rather than embrace the masses, the Brooklyn-based duo stoically continued with an ever more zany second album, Congratulations, in 2010. Indeed, the early days of face paint, hippy headwear and neon accents were discarded in a now forgotten fancy-dress box — and Kids was no longer on the set list.

This apparent fan neglect reads as anti-commercial label career suicide; MGMT's paradoxical style can seem frustratingly hipster but they, as self-indulgent as this sounds, are out to please themselves.

You said that your music has been misunderstood in the past. Is this album about reestablishing your identity?

I feel like we're presenting ourselves in the way we'd like to be seen. I think it's a little strange to us that people want to impose a narrative on us as a band.

Your music is often described as paradoxical. Is it important for you to create something that's intangible or ineffable?

I think in a lot of ways music is always about the intangible. I think our album is music that a lot of people could get into, potentially. We're not trying to scare or be intentionally experimental, but also I don't think you want to be known only as a band who writes quirky pop songs.

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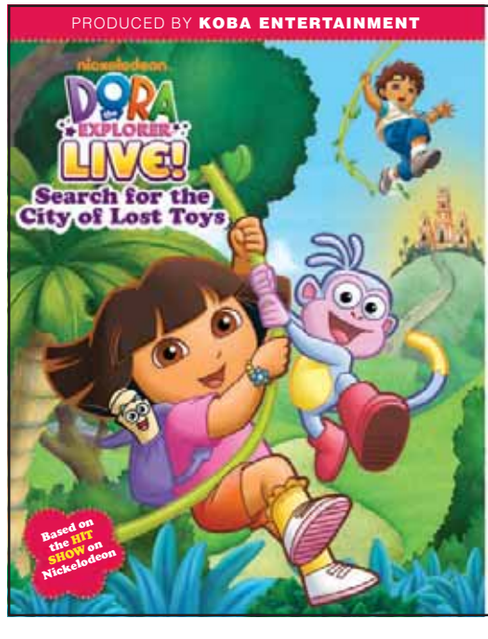

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New show painfully close to Fox's real world experiences

New show. Michael J. Fox makes his first full-time return to television since he left

Tracy Pollan, left, Michael J. Fox, and Wendell Pierce star in The Michael J. Fox Show. ERIC LIEBOWITZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What happens when you put Michael J. Fox and five Canadian reporters at a table? Hockey talk.

The Edmonton-born, Burnaby, B.C.-raised actor has lived almost two-thirds of his life in the United States, but while you can take the boy out of Canada, you can't take the Canadian out of the boy.

Though Fox's interview time is carefully limited, there's a full five minutes of chatter about the Leafs, Canucks and his beloved Bruins before everyone gets down to the reason Fox is at the summer network press tour — to promote The Michael J. Fox Show. The sitcom premieres Thursday on NBC and Global.

The series has been tailor-made for the actor. Fox stars as Mike Henry, a popular New York news anchor who gave up his job after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Five years later, with his family's support, he decides to go back in front of the cameras. Betsy Brandt (Breaking Bad) plays wife Annie Henry, Wendell Pierce (Treme) his boss Harris Green. Recurring characters include Anne Heche as a rival news anchor and TV veterans Candice Bergen and Charles Grodin as Mike's parents.

Fox teamed with executive producers Sam Laybourne (Cougar Town) and Will Gluck (Friends with Benefits) on the project.

"I really wanted to do a show about a guy with Parkinson's," Gluck jokes, "and a couple of people passed."

Gluck and the others see it as a family comedy first, but one absolutely based on Fox's own experiences dealing with Parkinson's. Henry is shown in the pilot scattering instead of serving scrambled eggs and misdialling 911, all played for laughs.

"Mike paid for those experiences," says Gluck, "so they're the intellectual property of Michael J. Fox."

Fox himself stepped away from his last regular series, Spin City, in 2000 after going public with his struggles with Parkinson's, first detected a decade earlier.

At the time of the revelation it seemed like a cruel twist of fate for the actor, who was beloved for his Back to the Future films as well as for his run in the '80s as young conservative Alex P. Keaton in Family Ties.

Fox came to terms with his situation and became a leading spokesperson for efforts to combat the disease. His Michael J. Fox Foundation has so far funded more than $350 million in research toward finding a cure.

Spearheading that drive and helping his wife of 25 years, actor Tracey Pollan, raise their four children became Fox's main focus for a decade. When medical advances helped to stabilize Fox's tremor symptoms, the itch to get back on TV began.

"I just thought, 'Why can't I?'" he says. "I mean, there's no reason not to do it."

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Wanted him back

He was ready to go back, but only on his terms. For one, he wasn't going to leave New York, where all his guest appearances were shot. His series went into production months earlier than most, allowing the producers to build in weeks in between shooting to make things easier for their star.

- **Doing things his way.**

Fox briefly considered headlining a drama series like The Good Wife, but the long hours were a deal breaker. Besides, when he really thought about it, all he wanted to do was comedy. There was no question the networks wanted him back. NBC offered him a full 22-episode commitment, rare these days.

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Could it be?! Drake and Chris Brown patch things up

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News in NYC

Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other beat up a lady one time. Chris Brown and Drake have squashed their beef and they may even become pals, according to Page Six. The pair apparently met up at the iHeartRadio Music Festival in Las Vegas this weekend, which Drake and his crew attended specifically to catch Brown's performance. "Drake came on Friday with his whole crew, and watched Chris' entire set," a source said. The happy reunion continued after the show: "They were backstage hugging and drinking," another source reports. Apparently, the meeting went so well that the pair are talking about collaboration on tracks, even though no one should ever want to be friends with Chris Brown or work with him or talk to him, so he eventually has to become a garbage man and live in the dump. Hopefully Drake is just pretending to be Chris's friend so it'll sting even more when he has to become a garbage man. Brown recently took time off from drinking fruity cocktails and hitting the beach in Hawaii to tag a wall with epithets like "F— police" alongside what is apparently a shout-out to the Bloods. Brown, he of sound life choices, signed his illegal street art with the words "Fruits Piru," which people who know more about the intricacies of urban gang life than we do speculate is a reference to the Fruit Town Piru gang, a subset of the scary-as-hell L.A. gang.

Zac Efron. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Rehab was inevitable after troubled Efron started 2013 'like a junkie'

A new report in the National Enquirer details how Zac Efron kicked off 2013 — with troubling behaviour that likely led to his rehab stint in the spring. An anonymous source recounts watching the 25-year-old star pass out after a night of abusing prescription painkiller Oxycodone as well as alcohol, marijuana and Adderall at New York's Thompson Hotel on Jan. 3. "I was scared for him," the source says. "He was like a junkie. He wanted the drugs so bad. He went through a lot of pills even though it was clear he was entering a danger zone. My worst fear was that he had died from an overdose."

Bynes' lawyer wants her hitting-cop-car case held in mental health court

Amanda Bynes was set for a court appearance this week stemming from her 2012 arrest for hitting a police car with her rented BMW, but Bynes' lawyer wouldn't let her near the courthouse. Attorney Richard Hutton claims that Bynes doesn't currently have the mental capacity to fully comprehend the legal proceedings, asking the judge to refer the case to the mental health court, according to E! News. "The mental health court will examine Bynes and determine her competency to stand trial," he says. Bynes is currently at the UCLA Medical Center, and a hearing is set for next week to determine if her parents' temporary conservatorship should be made permanent.

Amanda Bynes

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8 things Milan told us about la mode

You can always rely on Milan for two things: exuding luxury, and being fashion month's halfway mark. The latter means we can move from tentative to confident in our breakdown of the trends for SS14. Despite the markedly different scenes across New York, London and Italy, discernible similarities have already emerged, so take note.

KIT GILBERT
Metro World News

Skin is in

If there's one thing Milan has over every other fashion capital, it's sex. It returned this season in the form of super sheer garments, peek-a-boo cut outs, belly-grazing necklines and hemlines your mother wouldn't approve of.

Gucci

White is trending

Just when we're all digging out our winter blacks and grays, white starts to trend on the runway. The summer shade has been everywhere, including Jil Sander, Sportmax, Versace and Alberta Ferretti, who played on its more innocent connotations.

Alberta Ferretti

'90s minimalism reigns

Will the '90s ever get old? It appears not, as the era's minimalist esthetic is going nowhere. With everyone apparently singing from the same Calvin Klein sheet, it's slip dresses and spaghetti straps galore — with a strict colour palette of neutral shades.

Max Mara

No. 21

The shirt dress is a bona-fide thing

Whoever first decided to wear her boyfriend's shirt as a dress must have been an audacious woman. Thankfully, we're no longer going to have to tug at those tails to stay decent, as the shirtdress is now a thing. It's popped up all over the fashion circuit and it's made its way to Milan via No. 21 and Tod's where floral, spangled embellishments and eyelets send this idea into more wearable territory.

Fendi

We've got tiers in our eyes

Things that have tiers include wedding cakes and football stadiums. Now you can add clothes to the list, as Simone Rocha, Meadham Kirchhoff and Hérve Léger all added layer upon layer to their creations. And we're not talking ruffles either — these are hard-edged, angular strips of fabric. Our Milan favourite in this department is Fendi, which showed ombré cascades.

Pastels are back, but not as you know them

Pastels are a perennial favourite for spring, with Louis Vuitton's 2012 collection providing the benchmark for working with these candy colours. This season, it's a little less saccharine than your standard sugary fare.

Luisa Beccaria

Satin makes a comeback

In all likelihood you last wore satin in the form of a dodgy strapless gown to prom. The stiff, lustrous fabric has the potential to date an outfit all too quickly, but this season it has made some serious sartorial headway. Popping up at Rodarte and Zero + Maria Cornejo in tougher looks, Blugirl brought it to Milan with floral-dotted shift dresses and sharply pressed trousers.

Blugirl

The graphic print party is still happening

No one quite owns the idea of print mixing like Prada and Marni, both of which showed stellar graphics that were as much about texture and colour as they were about print. The new designer, Stella Jean and Emilio Pucci, meanwhile, took the more traditional ethnic route, referencing African prints.

Prada

WELCOME NEW USES FOR WOOD

SIMPLE WAY TO ADD PERSONALITY TO HOME'S WINDOWS

NEWS CANADA

The Canadian love affair with wood goes on and on. These days, we are finding new ways of welcoming wood into our homes, including techniques for using and reusing wood in ways our parents and grandparents would have found over-the-top.

Engineered wood takes the place of massive beams. Reclaimed woods display their histories in furniture and cabinetry. Timber that once would have gone to the burner is lovingly finished to display its natural eccentricities. And now here is a simple and affordable way to put the personality of wood into the windows of your home.

"When our designers explored the world of wood to find what finishes are most popular, they came back with over 1,700 different finishes," says Mary Dobson, spokesperson for Levolor Window Fashions in Canada. "Our new Custom Woods Collection brings many of them into Canadian homes. You'll find more colours, more distressed surfaces, more reclaimed looks. So many that whatever wood finishes you may have in your home, there'll be no problem at all co-ordinating your windows with your rooms."

Sophisticated finishes and advanced engineering make this new collection adaptable to a wide range of living environments. Not just urban homes but city condos and lofts, and even country cottages. You can cover big windows with a single blind. You can specify cordless operation in every style. And you can install co-ordinating blinds in kitchens, bathrooms and even laundry rooms, because alongside real wood in the collection are two faux woods. Nu-wood shares colours with real wood and outperforms it in hot, moist and sunlit locations, while Visions Faux Wood offers the best value in the collection — all the options, in every room. – *News Canada*

A WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITY

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It's often referred to as the land of bountiful opportunity, and now real estate developers are watching Saskatchewan with a keen eye.

The beautiful Prairie province's economic growth and economic potential should be seen as a wealth of opportunity for the real estate sector, says Jaimey Midtdal, spokesperson for the Red Door Venture Group.

The Regina-based real estate marketing company has jumped on the province's solid economic foundations and is starting to build a variety of some of the best valued homes in the area, Midtdal says.

"The boom in immigration and increased job opportunities are making Saskatchewan one of the best places in Canada to buy a home. It's growth we're proud to be a part of."

The company joins creative forces with outstanding local developers to deliver high-quality developments across the province. The vast amount of undeveloped land in Saskatchewan has left the real estate market open for new and innovative real estate opportunities for developers and for buyers, Midtdal says.

"The province's solid economic foundation has allowed unprecedented growth in Saskatchewan and the real estate market has followed suit."

Red Door Venture Group works with developers from the land acquisition stage through to the concept design and sales, which in turn produces leading developments for clients.

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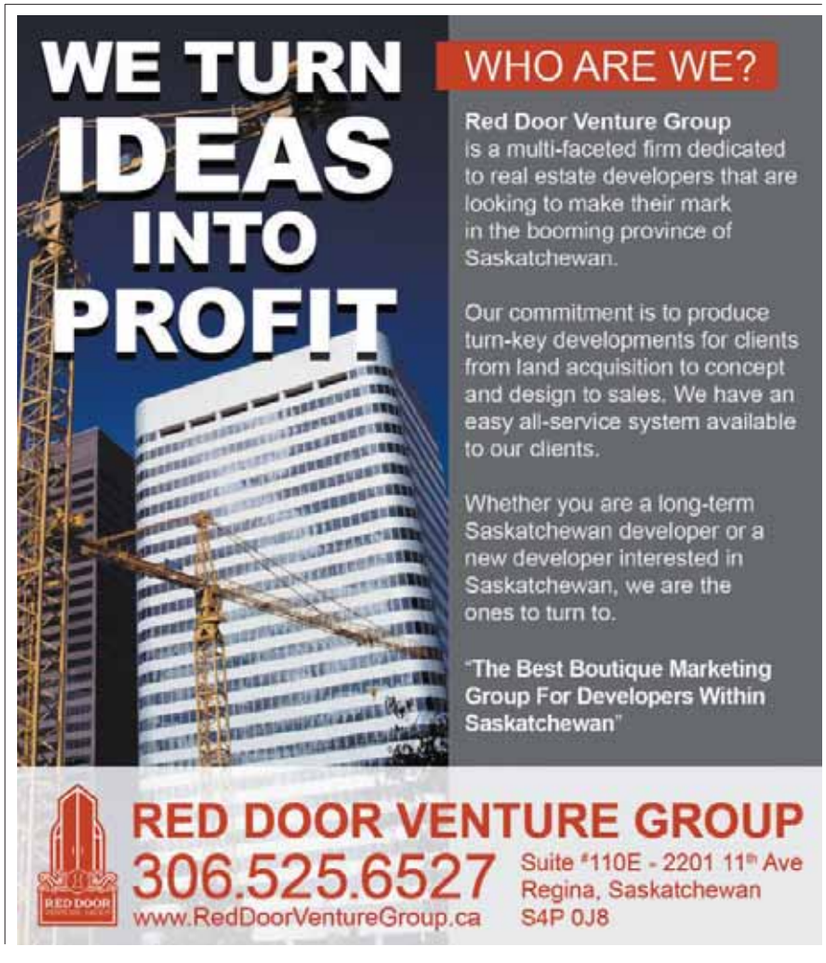
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RETURN TO BEAUTY OF NATURE AND ART

COLOUR PALETTE FOR 2014 INCLUDES NATURAL TONES

Logical Perspective

NEWS CANADA PHOTOS

The forecast for the year ahead is looking sunny. So much so, that yellow will be a dominant colour in home décor in 2014, accentuated by a wide range of rich, luxurious hues and vibrant colour patterns.

That's the prediction of leading Canadian paint brand Sico paint in unveiling its colour palette for 2014. From warm buttery yellows and saturated pastels to robust reds, retro blues, and energetic browns and greys, "The spectrum of colours for the coming year continues to reflect people's desire to disconnect from today's complex world and return to the beauty of nature and art," says Mylène Gévry, brand director for Sico paint, a brand of PPG Architectural Coatings.

Based on research conducted by PPG's international team of colour experts, Sico has unveiled three prevailing decor themes for the upcoming year — In Unison, Modern Mosaic and Logical Perspective. Each theme offers a diverse range of optimistic colours, from Earth-bound to luxurious tones.

IN UNISON

This theme reflects the harmony developing between organic nature, technology and man-made elements. Featuring a mix of beach-inspired pastels combined with brighter hues, the In Unison palette is both friendly and futuristic in a livable fashion. Gentle pinks highlight this grouping, accented by vibrant reds like Tomato Peel , cool teals like Naples Bay and bright yellows such as Citrus, each of which deliver an infusion of energy. Warm neutrals like Sahara Sands round out the palette.

MODERN MOSAIC

Combining a lively mix of bold brights drawn from the full colour spectrum, Modern Mosaic is a testament to the growth of the craft movement as a dominant, long-term trend. Characterized by geometric patterning — from zig-zag and diamond to checker and chevron designs — this theme is all about multiple shapes integrated and pixilated beside more shapes, arranged in sets of brilliant hues from different colour families. Think energetic combinations of robust reds, sunshine yellows, bold blues, and free-spirited pinks and teals, such as Sico's Bunch O' Bananas yellow, Saxon Cobalt blue and Marilyn red.

LOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

When life gets hectic, we all long for a place to think clearly, a peaceful spot where we can soothe our souls, renew our strength and bring order to our lives. Logical Perspective features calming, rich colours of black, off-whites, greys, putty neutrals and deep reds, blues and greens that bring refinement, sophistication, balance and simplicity into our spaces. Reflecting our desire for complex hues that mirror our lives, yet deliver minimal elegance in a logical way, this theme is highlighted by such colours as Sico's Volcanic Rocks black, Chanterelle Beige grey, Cupid's Red burgundy, and Black Denim blue.

"Overall, the 2014 colour palette demonstrates our growing desire for life balance," Gévry says. "As a result, we will see increased use of rich colour combinations, innovative patterns and distinct lines throughout the year." *– News Canada*

Modern Mosaic

In Unison

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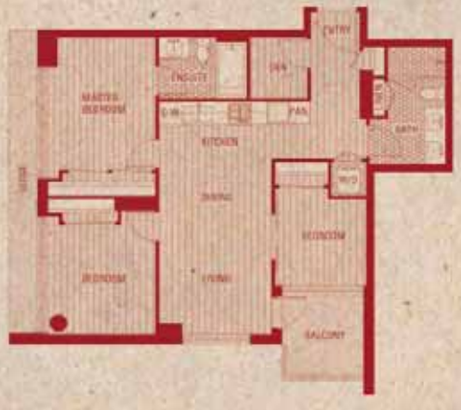

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For many lucky new homeowners, the word Altus doesn't just conjure soaring clouds and lofty vistas, it means sublime living.

Altus is just one of the condo towers under construction as part of the master-planned SOLO District development based in North Burnaby. Altus got its elevated name for a reason, says Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager at Appia Developments. Once the 550-foot Altus is complete, she says, it will be the tallest building in Burnaby.

But this architectural spectacle is most certainly not just for show.

"All the homes at SOLO District are designed to meet residents' needs with style, quality and practicality," Murrell says.

The high style at Altus homes starts with the interior design, which comes in one of two colour schemes by Cristina Oberti — Grigio or Noce. Every home features high-quality finishings including Italian Armony Cucine cabinetry, Kohler fixtures, polished quartz countertops, engineered laminate wood flooring, and custom roller blinds.

Nine-foot ceilings and seven-foot doors make the most of natural light, and the large windows highlight the building's expansive views of Metro Vancouver, Mount Baker and the North Shore mountains, Murrell says.

And the development's practicality is just as prominent as its style.

"Homebuyers will be surprised and delighted at the practical features at Altus," Murrell says. "Residents' everyday needs were our top priority. For instance, having kids myself, I know it's key to have everything you need at your fingertips, made with quality durable materials that are easy to clean. Altus was designed with those needs in mind."

The prices are equally as practical. Homes at Altus tower start in the low $300,000s and range from 516-square-foot one-bedrooms to 1,709-square-foot three-bedroom penthouses.

"This location, with its many amenities, at this price point have been a very good combination for buyers," Murrell says. "Lots of young families are particularly drawn to the lower-level three-bedroom homes."

Families, singles and investors alike will be happy that homes at Altus were also designed sustainably. All the towers at SOLO District will be LEED Gold equivalent, including a geo-exchange heating and cooling system that reduces the need for energy usage in the building, and saves money on energy bills.

Visit solodistrict.com for details.

MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY INCLUDES FAMILIES

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It's back to school again for many families in Burnaby, and there is no better place for young families to start out the school year than at SOLO District, a new master-planned community in North Burnaby.

When the first tower, Stratus, is complete in 2015, the development, located near Brentwood Mall and Brentwood SkyTrain Station, will be the perfect proximity to everything residents will need, says Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager at Appia Developments, the developer of the new SOLO District neighbourhood.

"This time of year parents are looking to give their kids a great elementary or high-school experience — and part of that is ensuring school is close to home," Murrell says.

Brentwood Park Elementary School and Madison Children's Centre are a short walk from SOLO District. And that's not to mention Burnaby's acclaimed post-secondary schools — BCIT and Simon Fraser University are just a short transit ride away.

Green spaces abound, both in nearby parks and within the SOLO District development. "They're a perfect place to take the kids to get that energy out," Murrell says.

The community will be made up of 1,400 condo homes in four towers, with plentiful common green space, and 100,000 square feet of retail space, including a Whole Foods grocery store, cafés and other retail.

In addition to the retail and other amenities accessible within the community, residents will have access to Brentwood Town Centre's 150 shops and services, just a five-minute walk away.

From the Brentwood Town Centre bus loop and SkyTrain station, it's just a 20-minute ride to downtown Vancouver or downtown Surrey.

Within the development, Club 55 is a spectacular, 5,000-square-foot private amenity space featuring a rooftop lounge and barbecue area at the top of the development's Altus tower. Level 15 of Altus will provide a smaller, more secluded patio.

When residents want to stay fit, they need travel no farther than the deluxe fitness centre, equipped with a unique outdoor multi-court for team tournaments, from badminton to floor hockey.

PERFECT HOME OWNERSHIP PLAN

As if beauty and practicality weren't enough, Appia Developments, the developer of Altus and the master-planned community of SOLO District, is holding a special promotion called the "Perfect Home Ownership Plan" that's designed to set homebuyers free.

The plan is designed to help aspiring homebuyers own and live in the community, says Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager at Appia Developments.

"Jim Bosa, founder of Appia Developments, is offering incentives for the next 75 condo buyers at SOLO District," she says.

Bonuses to these lucky 75 buyers include mortgage payment savings of up to 40 per cent, a "commute subsidy" for those who live beyond a three-kilometre radius of SOLO District, no payment for 120 days, and cash subsidies worth thousands of dollars. "It's a unique opportunity for homebuyers to get their foot in the door to buy beautiful condos in an up-and-coming neighbourhood," Murrell says.

For more information on how to become one of the 75 preferred homebuyers, visit solodistrict.com.

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A LITTLE MORE SPACE AT A GREAT PRICE

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Developers in downtown Vancouver face a conundrum: How do you build great homes, while keeping the prices attainable?

Innovative homebuilders like Bosa Development are finding new ways to deliver affordable homes to their clients. Bosa's latest downtown development is a case in point, according to Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager at Bosa Development. The development is Pacific Point.

"Our prices are about 10 per cent less than equivalent condos in Yaletown," Murrell says. "Buying at Pacific Point is a cost-effective way of buying your first home, or moving into a bigger space."

The way Bosa did it, she explains, is by taking an existing 20-year-old building, and completely renovating it from the inside out — turning a building with great bones into a through-and-through Bosa development.

"Since this is a building that Nat Bosa bought and completely renovated, buyers are paying a lower price for new condos in one of Vancouver's best locations," Murrell says.

As a bonus, buyers don't have to pay GST or HST, she adds.

The 28-storey tower on Homer Street just north of Pacific Boulevard has 214 units, including studios, one-bedroom-and-dens, junior-two-bedroom-and-dens, two-bedroom-and-dens, and penthouse suites. Sizes range from 448 to 1,678 square feet. Prices start at $344,900.

To assure buyers of the reliability of their purchase, Bosa is offering a 2-5-10 insurance policy with WBI Home Warranty Ltd.

"Buying at Pacific Point is a great long-term investment. Our buyers deserve peace of mind."

Inside, each unit is new and professionally interior designed, with flooring in laminate wood, porcelain tile and deep, durable carpet.

The view isn't bad either. The panoramic vistas from many of the homes feature stunning views of False Creek, David Lam Park and city lights.

Quality kitchens include Armony Cucine cabinetry, a quartz slab backsplash, polished quartz countertops and sleek under-mounted sinks.

In Pacific Point's amenity space, residents can enjoy an exclusive lap pool, hot tub and sauna, a fitness studio and yoga area, his and hers change rooms, and a residents lounge with a flat-screen TV and a pool table.

"They're the perfect place for a couple or a young family looking for a little more space at a great price," Murrell says.

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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING GOING ON IN YALETOWN

Thanks to a new school under development in Yaletown, the neighbourhood's elementary school capacity will be growing significantly.

The $16.5-million school on Yaletown's Expo Boulevard is set to open in 2015 and will accommodate 500 students.

That's great news, particularly for Yaletown parents.

"The wonderful thing about Yaletown is that it has everything you'd ever want in terms of shopping, dining and services, but it's also increasingly family friendly," says Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager at Bosa Development, the developer of Pacific Point, a highrise of affordable condos in Yaletown.

Pacific Point, located in a quiet pocket of downtown Vancouver just off the beaten path in Yaletown, is the perfect place for couples and young families looking to find a place that suits their needs and means, but is also accessible to everything downtown Vancouver has to offer.

"Pacific Point is a place where residents can live a balanced lifestyle effortlessly," Murrell says. "Residents have quick access to grocery stores and other shops, as well as restaurants, coffee shops and entertainment. At the same time, the neighbourhood is child-friendly with schools and parks very accessible nearby."

The community of Yaletown is the ultimate value-add for families at Pacific Point.

"There's always something going on, whether it's a cultural event at the Roundhouse Community Centre, a free concert or kids' event at David Lam Park, or dinner with your friends and family at one of the area's great restaurants."

Kids can have a blast outdoors close to home thanks to David Lam Park and George Wainborn Park, and waterfront green spaces within a two-minute walk from Pacific Point.

The Seawall is another feature parents and kids at Pacific Point can take advantage of, Murrell says. This paved thoroughfare extends all the way around False Creek and Stanley Park and provides a fantastic place to get your summer exercise on a bike, in-line skates, or on foot.

"Pacific Point is the perfect place for young families looking to get a little more space, but stick within the downtown area," Murrell says.

"There's never been a better time for families with kids to live in Yaletown."

BOSA DELIVERS HOMES WITH VALUE

Four decades in the B.C. real estate industry will teach you a thing or two. For Nat Bosa, the founder and president of Bosa Development, the overwhelming lesson has been in quality.

Bosa has overseen the design and construction of tens of thousands of homes across North America, including recent Vancouver projects Citygate near False Creek and Portico off South Granville.

Over the years, the company has established a solid track record of high-quality homes.

"We've had clients come to Bosa specifically because they've heard of the company's good reputation through friends or family, or because they've lived in a Bosa home themselves in the past," says Lisa Murrell, sales and marketing manager at Bosa.

"Clients have come to trust the Bosa name because it's become associated with quality and customer care. I have a few clients who have insisted on only buying from us because of that."

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DOWNTOWN LIVING DEFINED

Even in Vancouver's sports and entertainment district, the saying, "home is where the heart is" holds true. Homes at One Pacific, a new condo development by Concord Pacific, were designed for comfort, practicality and beauty — essential qualities in a home, should you decide to spend the evening in.

"We're really proud of the fact that we're offering homes that have advanced features like full air conditioning, over-height ceilings and really good interior finishings for an achievable price point," says Grant Murray, vice-president, sales at Concord Pacific.

"When sales start on Oct. 5, we'll have 150 suites available from about $309,000 to $350,000 — that's one-bedrooms ranging up from 479 square feet," Murray says.

One Pacific's two-bedroom homes range up to about 1,158 square feet.

The beauty starts in the lobby, where a concierge welcomes residents and their guests. The double-height vestibule is grand with opulent finishings and furniture — chandeliers, millwork, and marble flooring. That elegance and those timeless details extend into every home.

Buyers will have their pick of four interior design colour palettes and an optional double-sided fireplace. Residents can choose from two levels of finishes — Premium or Smart.

With the Premium finishes, every kitchen comes outfitted with quartz countertops and wood veneer cabinets, integrated, stainless steel Miele appliances, and a marble backsplash.

In the bathroom, marble flooring and tub and shower surrounds are simple and timeless.

Practical organizational features include built-in closet organizers, slide-out bins, and soft-close cabinet hardware.

The homes are also adaptable, with spacious flex spaces that can be used for everything from extra storage space to a home office.

Though One Pacific homes are at the centre of the action, you would never know it indoors, thanks to the acoustically designed exterior windows.

"Life at One Pacific has the feel of a high-end spa — it's glamorous, but also very relaxing," Murray says. "It's a place where you feel comfortable in your own skin."

Sales for One Pacific start Oct. 5. Register online at liveonepacific.com.

A HOST OF EXTRAORDINARY AMENITIES

Lifestyle is a key factor at One Pacific, according to Grant Murray, vice-president, sales at Concord Pacific.

"There's a host of extraordinary amenities that come with the package when you buy at One Pacific," he says.

The Riviera Deck on the third floor includes a swimming pool with a stunning cantilevered glass feature, poolside lounge seating with a fire pit and cabanas, an outdoor jetted hot tub, and sauna and steam room.

The Riviera Deck is also home to entertainment features, including a fireside lounge, a grand dining hall, a catering kitchen and tasting bar, and a billiards and games area.

The on-site 25,000-square-foot athletic club on the second floor will offer workout options far above and beyond the normal condo gym, with discounted memberships for One Pacific residents.

Not to be outdone, the Sky Garden on the development's rooftop includes an outdoor kitchen, barbecue and dining terrace, community gardens and a children's play area.

THE CENTRE OF IT ALL

One of the best things about living downtown is the close proximity to pretty much everything. No homes reflect this principle more than One Pacific, a new condo development by Concord Pacific.

Located at the corner of Pacific Boulevard and Smithe Street downtown, One Pacific is at the centre of the action.

Gastown, Chinatown, Yaletown, downtown, and English Bay are all eminently accessible from One Pacific's doorstep — a perk that can't be underestimated, says Grant Murray, vice-president, sales at Concord Pacific.

"One of the wonderful things about Vancouver is that our downtown is very walkable," says Murray, a downtown denizen himself. "I love being able to go without a car and just walk or bike to my destination.

"That's a quintessential part of being a Vancouverite, and we wanted our buyers to be able to take advantage of that."

When residents want a scenic walk to work, they can take the Seawall — the development is just one block away. Yaletown's parks nearby are well-developed and great for children and families, Murray says. A new elementary school is under development immediately across from Rogers Arena nearby.

The development is also a prime location for sports and music aficionados, a short walk from Rogers Arena, B.C. Place Stadium, the Orpheum, the Queen Elizabeth Theatre and many more of the city's vibrant venues.

Heralding visitors into downtown Vancouver is the Cambie Street Bridge, as well as One Pacific.

"The Cambie Bridge is one of the entrances to the downtown core, so One Pacific is the first thing you see when you come across the bridge," Murray says. "One Pacific will be an important landmark showing everyone who comes into Vancouver just how unique and special this city is."

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BUYERS DRAWN TO VIBRANT COMMUNITY

A vibrant community is the direct result of diversity, says Charan Sethi, president of Tien Sher Group of Companies.

That's what's drawing families, singles, couples and investors alike to English Mews, Tien Sher's new townhouse development in New Westminster's Queensborough neighbourhood.

The third and final phase at English Mews 2 is now for sale, with 20 homes move-in ready for spring 2014.

"English Mews is a very family-friendly development," Sethi says. "We just sold two more three-bedroom homes to families with children, and another to a couple getting married, moving into their first home together."

Townhomes at English Mews start from $399,900 — a much lower price than similar homes located in nearby Richmond, which easily sell for $600,000 and more, Sethi says.

"Queensborough is a hidden gem," Sethi says. "If you miss an exit on the highway you literally miss it, but it's a beautiful, private neighbourhood with lots of green space."

Schools are a short walk from home, and homeowners have easy access to a diverse array of shopping options nearby at Queensborough Landing.

For more, visit englishmews.com.

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NEW WAY OF LIVING IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver is joining the ranks of New York, Tokyo and Paris to provide a solution to population density and rising home prices: Balance. This condo development by Tien Sher houses Canada's smallest condos and will allow renters to become homeowners.

"Balance is a new way of living in Metro Vancouver," says Charan Sethi, president of Tien Sher Group of Companies. "Not only does it provide affordable housing, it also allows for density that helps the city bring all those amenities very close to where you live."

Balance residents will have excellent access to the SkyTrain station and other public transit, Surrey's beautiful parks, SFU Surrey, and the many new public buildings at Surrey's new civic plaza — including the spectacular Bing Thom-designed library, the new performing arts centre, and the state-of-the-art Surrey City Hall.

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The four-storey micro-unit condo development has 56 micro units that range between 301 and 649 square feet. Prices start at just $119,900. In addition, owners can get a kitchen upgrade. Ask for details.

For more, visit tiensher.com, or call the Balance sales team at 604-424-8900.

JADE OFFERS PERFECT URBAN, RURAL BALANCE

At the centre of the action, yet in a quiet, peaceful enclave, Jade has the perfect balance of urban lifestyle and rural sensibility.

Located in the heart of Richmond, Jade is a 24-home development with homes ranging from 550-square-foot garden flats to 1,700-square-foot custom-designed homes.

"It's a structure that's quite unique in Metro Vancouver," says Charan Sethi, president of Tien Sher Group of Companies, who developed Jade. "The garden-level, one-bedrooms are perfect for first-time homebuyers or downsizers."

Situated in the quiet McLennan North neighbourhood, Jade is surrounded by several acres of trails, kids' playgrounds and picnic areas — perfect for anyone looking to take a stroll out in nature.

Residents will also be walking distance from all the perks of downtown Richmond, including shopping, services, restaurants and cafes.

Two of Richmond's newest schools are just a short walk away, as well as Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Richmond campus.

"There's a real sense of community in this neighbourhood," Sethi says. "Jade is proof that you can really have it all in one place."

For more, visit jadeliving.com.

SOCIALIZE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Community is paramount to a housing development, says Charan Sethi, president of the Tien Sher Group of Companies.

That's why he and his team work hard to create developments that allow neighbours to socialize.

An outstanding example of that community development is Quattro 3, the most recently completed addition to Tien Sher's growing 12-acre master-planned neighbourhood in downtown Surrey.

This year marked Tien Sher's fourth annual Quattro Street Fair, a celebration for residents and community members that has become the social event of the year on Surrey's Whalley Boulevard.

Condos at the six-storey, 164-unit community start at $159,900 for a junior one-bedroom.

A short walk from the downtown core, Quattro is surrounded by more than 110 acres of parkland, including Surrey's newly revitalized Holland Park. Quattro's own beautifully landscaped green spaces include a playground and park benches.

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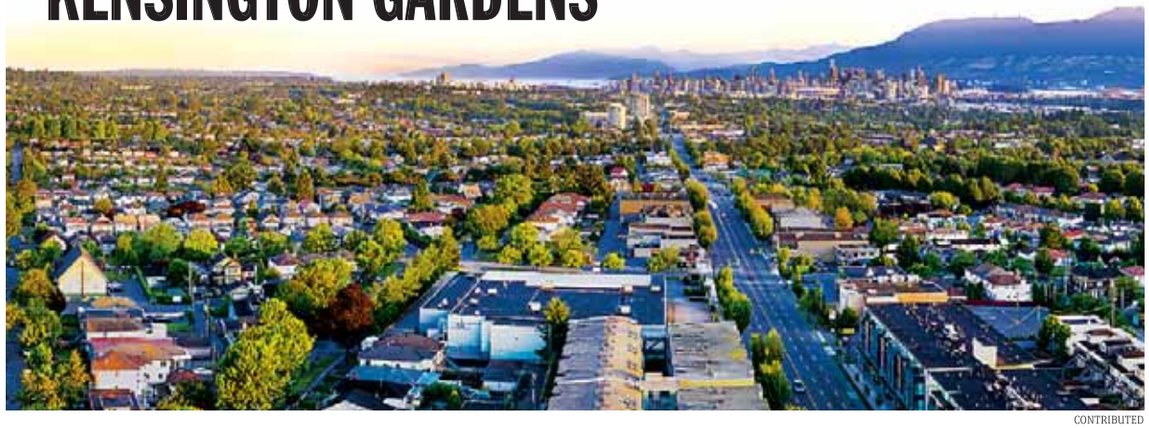

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Vancouver is known for its spectacular scenery — mountains, water, green space. Not to mention its easy access to almost any kind of outdoor activity you can dream of, from paddle boarding to snowboarding.

These attributes, bundled all into one fantastic city, are the reason many people decide to make Vancouver their home. Now, thanks to acclaimed Canadian developer Westbank, there is a new home development on the block that's making it easier than ever for new homebuyers to get into the marketplace — Kensington Gardens.

"There's good reason Vancouver has been consistently ranked as one of the most livable cities in the world," says Alexa Paukkunen, director of sales and marketing for Magnum, the marketer for Kensington Gardens. "These homes will be the perfect setting for homebuyers who are looking for that incredible Vancouver lifestyle at prices they can afford."

Based in Vancouver's up-and-coming Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood, Kensington Gardens will be a new master-planned community made up of three, 14-storey residential towers fringed by a row of distinctive garden townhomes.

With its wide range of one-, two- and three-bedroom floor plans, Kensington Gardens was designed to foster a diverse group of residents.

Close to home, a landscaped elevated courtyard provides a beautiful setting for residents to call home. Nearby, the Asian-inspired park and covered plaza provide a place for neighbours to meet and kids to play.

"The city of Vancouver has done a great job making these public green spaces beautiful and welcoming," Paukkunen says. "They've even commissioned public art — it adds another dimension of culture to the beauty of the landscaping."

Nature isn't just accessible from the outside — the homes at Kensington Gardens will be designed to let the outside in, boasting expansive views of this spectacular city.

Currently in the pre-sale phase, Kensington Gardens will be opening for previews this fall. Register at kensingtongardens.ca to stay in the know and take advantage of upcoming special offers.

CONVENIENCE RIGHT ON YOUR DOORSTEP

As Vancouver's population increases and the city densifies, Vancouver's east and south neighbourhoods are undergoing a renaissance.

The Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood is a stellar case in point.

"Because of the affordability of its housing, Kensington Cedar-Cottage has welcomed artists and young people, so it's becoming a hip, artsy neighbourhood, but at the same time, it's also very family friendly," says Alexa Paukkunen, director of sales and marketing for Magnum, the marketer for Kensington Gardens, a new housing development in the area.

Located on the site of the former Canadian Tire at 2220 Kingsway, Kensington Gardens is a modern, master-planned community that will offer residents the chance to buy a home in this emerging neighbourhood at an affordable cost.

"The area offers value and it's also really convenient," Paukkunen says. "Kensington-Cedar Cottage offers everything you might need, from shops and services to restaurants, bars and coffee shops. The necessities are at your fingertips."

That convenience starts right on the Kensington Gardens property. The development's commercial spaces will include an anchor tenant supermarket and other retail spaces.

"Residents will be able to pop downstairs for a missing cooking ingredient, or meet a friend for coffee right at their doorstep," Paukkunen says. "The Kensington Garden lifestyle will be all about that ease of living."

Kensington Gardens will also be an easy jumping-off point to get anywhere residents want to go in the city. Located close to SkyTrain, bus and Vancouver's increasingly popular bike routes, Kensington Gardens is an up-and-coming hub.

Residents won't need to travel far to get their fix of fun. The area is home to many eclectic shops and eateries, including some of Vancouver's best Vietnamese restaurants.

For families with younger children,

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Kensington-Cedar Cottage also has many opportunities for learning. The area's highly regarded Charles Dickens Elementary is just a short trip down Kingsway.

"The opportunities here are rich," Paukkunen says. "Kensington Gardens is a great place to make a life."

QUALITY THAT BUYERS TRUST

A world-class city deserves world-class home developments — and that's exactly what Westbank, the developer of Kensington Gardens, creates.

"Westbank is best known for its luxury developments," says Alexa Paukkunen, director of sales and marketing for Magnum, the marketer for Kensington Gardens. "But the company puts quality into every magnitude of project they execute, big to small — it's quality their buyers have come to trust."

Established in 1992, Westbank has completed more than $10 billion worth of projects across Canada in a diverse range of types, including luxury condominiums, rental apartments, offices, retail developments, hotels, non-market housing, and industrial projects.

"Westbank has experience with it all, but mixed-use projects are the company's specialty," she says.

At Kensington Gardens, Westbank is applying its finely developed understanding of how to build a set of great, usable, long-lasting homes, complemented by retail space on the ground floor.

"Careful consideration goes into the making of a master-planned community," Paukkunen says. "Kensington Gardens is designed to provide a perfect balance of convenience, comfort and value."

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LIVE IN LUXURY AT 3 CIVIC PLAZA

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Imagine living in a luxury hotel — that's what life will be like at 3 Civic Plaza, a new mixed-use development in Surrey's vibrant downtown, with condos selling now.

"The hotel-style finishings and amenities elevate 3 Civic Plaza from being just another development," says David Laulainen, director of communications and business development for Century Group. "They make 3 Civic Plaza a landmark."

Part office building, part hotel, with its residences towering above, 3 Civic Plaza's luxury starts on the ground floor. A concierge gives residents a warm welcome in the spectacular grand lobby.

Ascend to one of the development's 353 suites — the lowest residential floor is 142 feet above the ground — and you get spectacular views of Metro Vancouver from every direction.

The homes range from one bedrooms to two bedrooms with a den and two bathrooms, from 510 up to 1,248 square feet. By virtue of its shear wall construction, the development's homes will be 10 per cent larger than in most condo towers. Prices start in the low $200,000s.

The luxury hotel-level quality continues into the finishings.

High ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows let you take in the view, flooding the homes with natural light. The homes' elegant materials include contemporary fixtures, radiant heating, accent lighting, and a soaker tub for maximum relaxation.

Kitchens inspire resident chefs with mosaic tile backsplash, wood cabinetry and premium countertops. A high-quality, energy-efficient European appliance package makes kitchen tasks simple and easy. Most homes also feature a kitchen island — perfect when you need extra prep space, or when you are entertaining.

Comfort is a priority. Bedrooms feature floor-to-ceiling wall closets and comfortably fit a queen-sized bed.

When residents want to unwind or get exercise, the hotel's lush rooftop garden and state-of-the-art fitness centre with lap pool are just steps away.

Under 3 Civic Plaza, residential parking features separate card-swipe security gates and immediate access to the building's Modo car share.

3 Civic Plaza is now selling. For more information, visit 3civicplaza.ca.

THE CENTRE OF AN URBAN HUB

Surrey is blossoming into a world-class city and nowhere is that more apparent than at 3 Civic Plaza, a new mixed-use development in the city's vibrant downtown.

"We're connected here to virtually anywhere you'd want to go in Metro Vancouver," says David Laulainen, director of communications and business development for Century Group. "3 Civic Plaza will be at the centre of one of the biggest urban hubs in B.C."

So named because it is the third project on Surrey's new civic plaza, 3 Civic Plaza is steps away from the new City Centre Library, the new city hall, SFU Surrey, Central City Shopping Centre and the Surrey Central SkyTrain Station. The civic plaza corridor will also provide residents an easy walk to the future performing arts centre, currently under development.

Needless to say, there will always be something to do at 3 Civic Plaza.

"The neighbourhood is always buzzing," Laulainen says. "The plaza hosts everything from 5,000-person concerts to pop-up markets."

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Underneath the civic plaza, the city of Surrey is installing a geo-exchange field, part of a sustainable district energy system that will provide heat to the buildings on the plaza. In addition, 3 Civic will have its own advanced energy system to regulate heating and cooling in its residences, offices and hotel.

The new City Centre Library is a modern architectural masterpiece by Vancouver's Bing Thom Architects. At more than 77,000 square feet over 4 floors, the library welcomes more than 2,000 visits each day.

Surrey's entertainment district is looking forward to a new addition soon with the performing arts centre, which has been proposed to hold 1,600 seats at its main stage, as well as a 250-seat studio theatre.

"3 Civic Plaza is strategically positioned to take advantage of Surrey's upcoming golden era," Laulainen says. "We're excited to see our residents enjoying this cosmopolitan city."

The 3 Civic Plaza presentation centre is located at 10277 King George Blvd., and is open Monday to Thursday from 1-6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

SURREY WILL BE THE PLACE TO BE

Thanks to a $7-billion investment in Surrey's City Centre over the last 7 years — a combination of public and private dollars — the city is now one of the top places to invest in real estate in Canada.

The economic stimulus generated has led to a boom in Surrey-based jobs, and a thriving rental condo market.

And that growth is expected to continue. Over the next 30 years, Surrey's population is expected to grow by 50 per cent, which will spur even more growth and renewal, including a light-rail transit network in the planning stages, and much more.

"I don't think anyone really knew just how big this change in Surrey would be," says David Laulainen, director of communications and business development for Century Group. "This city is the place to invest now, whether you're coming in as an investor or as a homebuyer."

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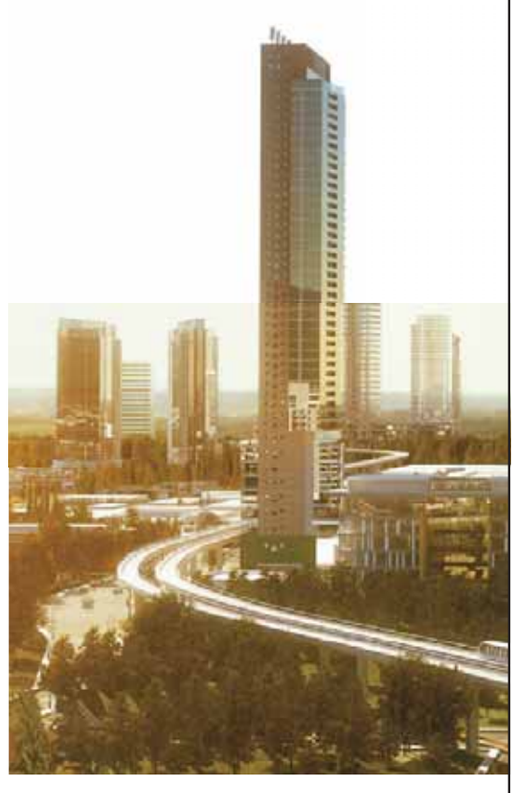

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A living room couched in style

A four-part series to help you get one of the most important spaces in the home looking great.

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In this four-week series, I'll serve up decor tips to get your living room looking fabulous in time for the holidays. Today I tackle the largest furniture piece in the room: the sofa.

Size

For those living in smaller homes, the challenge is to find the right sofa that fits seamlessly without taking over the space. Luckily, there's an easy way to measure the size of sofa your room can comfortably hold: Measure the width of your room — your sofa should be 2/3 of that measurement. For instance, if your room is 10 feet wide, the sofa length should be about six feet by six inches. This allows the sofa to fit nicely on the smaller wall or helps to divide a long room and still allow space on each end for side tables. By fitting the sofa to the shorter wall, you are guaranteed it fits on the longer wall as well.

Style

The style of sofa reflects many things; whether you like a modern or traditional decor, the comfort level you require and the colour of covering desired. A sofa with a rounded arm, skirted bottom and light-to-medium neutral fabric will look best in a traditional setting while a square-armed, exposed wood (or metal) leg and a very light or very dark covering will imply a modern feel. If you fall asleep watching TV on your sofa every night, then choose one with lower and deeper seating for ultimate comfort. If you use your sofa strictly for entertaining, then a higher seat and less depth is recommended in order to sit upright. As for coverings, there are many to choose from. A plain, neutral covering will add longevity to the look of your sofa. The covering choice (everything from linen to leather) is all about the durability you might require. A warm neutral colour works best in traditional settings and cooler tones in modern.

Cost

Consider the budget for decorating your living room; a sofa should eat up about 20 per cent of the budget. If you have not budgeted for your room's decor, then another way is to consider how long you will want your sofa; each year should cost about $250. For instance, if you plan on keeping a sofa for only three to five years then an $800 to 1,200 cost would be suitable. If you want it to last for 10 to 15 years then pay around $2,500 to $4,000. The fabric is the first thing that will get worn out, followed by the internal support/springs. These are the two things you should investigate and ask about; especially when purchasing a sofa you want to keep long term.

Next week: Part two: Choosing tables and lighting.

A traditional sofa with rounded arms, skirted bottom and upright seating. Chandler Sofa, from $3,100, ethanallen.ca. CONTRIBUTED

Low, deep seating with square edges and exposed metal legs make this sofa perfect for a casual, modern living room. Mondrian Sofa, $1,100, Urban Barn, urbanbarn.com. CONTRIBUTED

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If you're looking for a quick and delicious one pot meal this hits home.

The shrimp compliments the delicate sweet tomatoes and creamy goat cheese. Serve the dish with a side of green salad.

You can prepare the entire dish earlier in the day and bake at 400 F for five to eight minutes. It's also great at room temperature.

1. Preheat the oven to broil and spray an 8-inch baking dish with cooking oil. Preheat a non-stick grill pan or barbecue to medium-high.

2. Grill shrimp for approximately 4 minutes, turning halfway through the cooking time. Do not overcook. Place in the prepared baking dish.

3. Combine the tomatoes, cilantro, garlic, dried basil, jalapeño pepper, salt and pepper. Mix well and pour over the shrimp. Sprinkle with the goat cheese. Broil for 2 minutes or just until browned. Remove from the oven.

4. Combine the oil and lemon juice and drizzle over the top. Garnish with the cilantro and serve.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb peeled and deveined shrimp
- 3 cups of cherry tomatoes sliced in half
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro or parsley
- 1 1/2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1 tsp dried basil
- 1 tsp minced jalapeño peppers
- pinch salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tbsp chopped cilantro or basil

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App. Thai Shrimp Cakes & Avocado-Mango Salsa

1. Salsa: In bowl, combine avocado, mango, cilantro, rice vinegar, sesame oil and soy sauce; set aside.

2. In food processor, coarsely chop shrimp, pulsing 6 times. Add egg, red pepper, ginger, green onion, garlic, fish sauce and sriracha sauce; pulse 3 or 4 times, just to incorporate.

3. In stick-resistant skillet, heat some oil over medium heat. Using two spoons, mound cakes, using 2 tablespoonfuls (30 ml) per piece into pan, using back of spoon to flatten each to 1/2-inch (1 cm) rounds. In batches, fry shrimp cakes, turning once, until firm and pink, about 5 minutes. Transfer to paper towel-lined tray. Wipe out pan and repeat with more oil and shrimp cake mixture until all cakes are cooked.

4. Transfer to rack-lined tray and keep warm in 200 F (100 C) oven while cooking remaining cakes. Serve topped with Avocado-Mango Salsa.

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From Sheryl Crow's Chicken Tacos and Matt Damon's Beef Satay Skewers to Kate Middleton's Sticky Toffee Pudding and Richard Gere's Cinnamon Rolls, People's step-by-step cookbook offers favourite recipes shared by celebrities.

Ingredients

Avocado-Mango Salsa

- 2 firm-ripe Mexican avocados, halved, pitted, peeled and diced
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) finely diced fresh ripe mango
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) rice vinegar
- 4 tsp (20 ml) sesame oil
- 1 tsp (5 ml) soy sauce

- 2 lb (1 kg) raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) minced sweet red pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) minced ginger
- 2 each green onions and cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 tbsp (22 ml) fish sauce
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sriracha sauce
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) vegetable oil

End of the Empire: Rays eliminate Bronx Bombers

From left, Yankees Brendan Ryan, Robinson Cano and Mark Reynolds wait during a pitching change against the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday. With an 8-3 loss, the Yankees were mathematically eliminated and won't play playoff baseball for only the second time in 19 years. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Answering the Bell

CFL. Lions cornerback making waves in second season in Vancouver

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Lions cornerback Joshua Bell received the defensive game ball — an inter-team honour — after last week's win over Saskatchewan. COURTESY CFL

It wasn't the Joshua Bell Show this past Sunday; it only felt like it at times.

The B.C. Lions cornerback scored an abundance of television time — and a prized team accolade — for his involvement in a last-second road victory over the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

As a member of the Lions' ball-hawking secondary that was officially tested a whopping 52 times by the throwing arm of Roughriders quarterback Darian Durant, Bell was a disruptive force with five registered tackles and one pass knockdown.

He played with a nasty edge throughout the afternoon, throwing big hits and earning the defensive game ball.

"He was outstanding against a Hall of Famer (Geroy Simon) and the other receivers Saskatchewan has," said head coach Mike Benevides.

Bell is in the midst of his second season with the Lions.

After limited action last year, his first in the CFL, he's earned a starting job as a weakside halfback in the Lions' secondary. It wasn't easy through the first few weeks of the season, but the fruits of his labours in figuring out the position and adjusting to receivers getting a running start prior to the snap are beginning to pay off.

"It was a process the first four to six weeks but then we got into a nice little rhythm and now we're in a matrix, as they say," said Bell.

The Lions are on the road again, as they play the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on Friday.

With a win and an Edmonton Eskimos loss to Toronto on Saturday, the Lions can clinch a playoff spot.

It's also possible the Lions could, by the end of the weekend, be entered into a three-way tie for top spot in the West Division with the Calgary Stampeders.

"I think the next six are playoff games for us because we have the goal of being first place going into the playoffs," said Bell.

WHL

Thunderbirds fly past Giants

It went from bad to worse, and snowballed from there.

The Vancouver Giants gave up four goals in the second period and starting goaltender Payton Lee was pulled in a 6-0 loss to the Seattle Thunderbirds at the Pacific Coliseum on Wednesday night.

The Thunderbirds opened the scoring in the first period, although it could have been a two-goal lead at the end of 20 minutes for the visitors had it not been for a spectacular glove save by Lee that was originally called a goal by the referee.

Video review revealed Lee, in a desperation attempt, actually snared the puck out of mid-air with his glove before it crossed the goal-line, keeping the game scoreless at that point.

But the Giants couldn't take advantage of the overturned call, or a 5-on-3 power play early in the second period.

From there, the Thunderbirds gained strength. They built up a three-goal lead with goals two minutes and four seconds apart, and a five-goal cushion with another set of goals 37 seconds apart later in the period.

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MLB

Tribe move towards playoffs

Rookie Danny Salazar gave Cleveland a much-needed quality start and Nick Swisher hit a two-run homer as the Indians tightened their grip on one of the AL wild-card spots with their 14th straight win over the Chicago White Sox, 7-2 on Wednesday night in their home finale.

Under manager Terry Francona this season, Cleveland has 20 more wins than they had a year ago.

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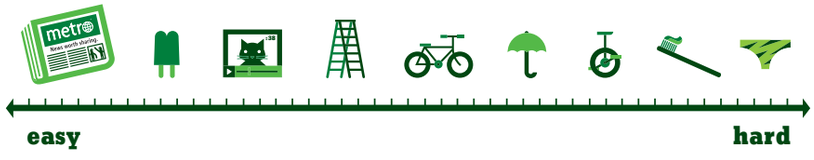

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April 21 - May 21
Disputes are inevitable but none of them are of any real importance, so don't get drawn into slanging matches with people whose main motivation seems to be envy.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Check the facts several times today. Neptune, planet of illusion, is strong at the moment, so your mind could easily play tricks on you.

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June 22 - July 23
Good news will come out of nowhere today, easing your fears and making you realize how fortunate you really are. Also, a friend or colleague will offer you the kind of advice that money cannot buy. Take it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may have to force yourself to be enthusiastic about what you have to do today but once you get going it won't be the chore you feared it would be. It could even surprise you and make you some extra money.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A few days from now, you will get the chance to do something a bit out of the ordinary. In the meantime, treat yourself kindly and don't get involved with people who only ever waste your time.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you are happy with the way your life is going, that's great. If not, start making changes. The Sun in your sign means it's time to get your act in gear and get cracking on a scheme that is important to you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
With the Sun linked to nebulous Neptune today, it's unlikely you will be thinking straight. Be wary of making plans you cannot easily get out of. Be wary of your feelings too. Can you trust them?

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your confidence may be at an all-time high and all things may seem possible but don't be deceived: There is still a lot of hard work to be done before you come close to reaching your number one goal.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Life moves in cycles and the cycle you are on now mostly deals with your career and position in the wider world. Having said that, you can still find time for love — if you try.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It's good that you are the forgiving sort but don't go too far and forgive people for crimes they should be punished for or you will get a reputation as a pushover.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There's no point being uptight about situations that are beyond your control. That is the message of your solar chart today, so avoid confrontations you cannot win. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
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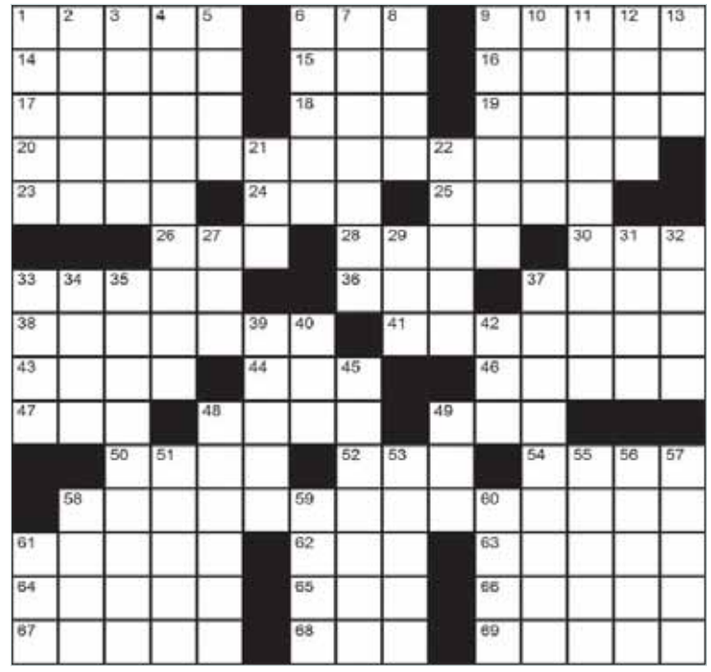
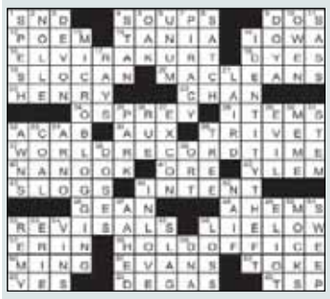


Across
1. Wild guesses
6. Work with a wok
9. Canadian author Farley
14. George Clooney job on TV, _ _ _
15. Deer sort
16. "_ __ you to..."
17. "That doesn't __ _ thing!"
18. Hawaii's __ Beach
19. __ __ example
20. Canada's is the Metric, the USA's is the what?: 2 wds.
23. Cobblestone
24. Alias acronym
25. Roman love god
26. 'Ball' suffix
28. Famous river
30. Discontinuity
33. Composer Mr. Copland
36. Polka's partner
37. Low-lying area
38. Comedian Ms. Handler
41. Ottawa, for one
43. Common sitcom roles
44. Glaswegian's 'No'
46. 99, for one, on "Get Smart"
47. TV station
48. Swindle
49. Canada's financial TV channel
50. Wharf
52. Edible green thing
54. Icelandic epic
58. Temporary __ __ (Latest trend in manicures)
61. Mr. Lauzon of Royal Canadian Air Farce
62. British singer Rita
63. Totally consumed: 2 wds.
64. Gambling destination, Monte __
65. Giggling, texting-style
66. Curt
67. Kelly Clarkson's "Since _ __ Gone"
68. Sacred chest
69. Industrial city in Germany

Down
1. 18-wheelers
2. New Orleans-set HBO series
3. Adjust
4. Pre-history working implements: 2 wds.
5. Boo-boo
6. 1978 disco hit: "Le __"
7. "The X Factor" judge Kelly
8. Fancy 'fors'
9. "Did you __ __?" (Returnee's query)
10. John Keats poem, __ __ a Nightingale
11. Political headline-grabber in the 1970s
12. Ancient Syria's biblical name
13. Midmorning time
21. Sir McKellen
22. Conference of 1945 of the Big Three
27. Slip-__ (Some shoes)
29. Winter/Summer games org.
31. Actor Mr. Arkin
32. Throw a snowball
33. Australian band
34. Captain in "Moby Dick" (1956)
35. Moscow tourist attraction: 2 wds.
37. National Film Board short films shown during TV commercials time, Canada __
39. Britannica, e.g.
40. US motorists org.
42. Cook's need
45. "The Last __" (1987)
48. Musical, Miss __
49. Sheep's sound
51. Handy
53. Canadian showbiz news show
55. Getting-things-done people
56. Put out, as flames
57. __, Colorado
58. Grouch
59. Ms. Falana
60. __ Modern (Art gallery in London, England)
61. Hosp. ward for heart patients

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	8		5		6		7	
		7				3		
	5		8		1		9	
	3	5				7	8	
8								6
	4	2				5	1	
	7		6		9		4	
		8				9		
	1		2		7		3	

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	8	9	1	3	6	2	4	5
4	6	2	5	7	9	3	1	8
5	3	1	2	8	4	6	9	7
3	2	6	8	4	7	9	5	1
8	4	5	9	1	2	7	6	3
1	9	7	6	5	3	8	2	4
2	7	3	4	6	5	1	8	9
9	1	4	3	2	8	5	7	6
6	5	8	7	9	1	4	3	2

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